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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done in Hong Kong yesterday in rice, sugar and other foodstuffs included the following transactions:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Cash White Long Rice, 1,000 bags	\$7.12
Peacock White Long Rice, 579 bags	7.33
Red Sun White Siam Rice, 460 bags	7.33
Red Sun White Siam Rice, 406 bags	7.40
Red Seal White Siam Rice, 1,535 bags	7.16
Tui Nam White Siam Rice, 680 bags	7.42
Red Seal White Glutinous Rice, 130 bags	7.37
Red Seal White Brewer's Glutinous Rice, 133 bags	6.61
Green Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 730 bags	6.51
White Brewer Rice, 350 bags	6.53
Blue Seal No. 1 White Broken Rice, 130 bags	6.57
Blue Seal No. 2 White Broken Rice, 60 bags	6.30
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	\$6.55
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 700 bags	7.23
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.23
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar, 300 bags	7.25
Miscellaneous.	
Red Melon Seed, 30 bags at \$26.00 per bag.	
Black Beans, 100 bags at \$7.00 per bag.	
Red Beans, 40 bags at \$8.20 per bag.	
Yellow Beans, 100 bags at \$6.80 per bag.	

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

A cable from Shanghai, dated December 12th and received by the Canton dealers stated that the price of No. 20 yarn had risen half tael per bale. Owing to the quiet state of the Canton market, the price has not been raised.

Quotations for cotton yarn in yesterday's market were as follows:—

No. 42 Five Sons	\$553
Fui Hee	522
Butterfly	528
No. 32 Pine Deer	483
Po Tap	456
Tin Koon	458
Double Horse	452
No. 20 City of Gold	328
Globe	325
Ho Chao	324
Double Horse	320
Double Elephant	325
Tramcar	315
Shepherd	311
Three Stars	312
No. 18 Globe	307
Fui Kwai	303
Man Clock	303
No. 12 City of Gold	292
Peacock	290
Fui Kwai	284
Tramcars	274
Aeroplane	270
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	270
City of Gold	265
Peacock	267
Lotus Bee	258
No. 6 Lion	218
Lion No. 2	196

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations in yesterday's market for rice, sugar and flour were as follows:—

Native Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mi rice	\$11.29
See Mi rice	10.75
Shui Yat white rice	9.35
White Kang Yut rice	8.80
Annam Rice.	
Hung Fuk rice	\$9.93
Wo Hop white rice	11.01
Hung Wo Fung	9.70
Red Bell white rice	9.85
Red N white brewer rice	6.30
Green Seal white brewer rice	6.60
Siam Rice.	
Green O white rice	\$9.75
Green Cannon	9.80
Green Flower Pot	9.88
Red Double Sun rice	9.88
Three Marks white rice	9.40
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered sugar	8.00
" 3 "	7.50
" 20 "	7.60
" 1 Granulated sugar	9.40
" Fine Granulated sugar	10.10
Wai Chow refine sugar	8.40
Spring Brand native candy	10.10
Flour.	
Man-of-War	\$4.00
Silver Flower	4.15
Bananas	4.15
Cheung Luk	3.95
Maize	4.30
Sword of Kwantai	4.30
Cannon	4.40
Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.50
Dog's Head	4.60

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATION.

CANTON, December 12th.	
Water Works	\$3.20
Electric Power Co.	5.00
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.48
The Sun Company	6.40
Sincero Co.	8.20
Nanyang Tobacco Co.	3.70
Canton Tramways	1.80
China Merchants S.S. Nav.	6.30
Central Bank	4.60

CANTON KEROSENE OIL.

CLOSING QUOTATION.

CANTON, December 12th.	
Per Case.	
New Star	\$7.70
New Balance	7.45
New Chang Fung	7.25
New Eagle	7.15
New Cheung Hi	7.25
New Daybreak	7.25

ARBITRATION IN TRADE DISPUTES.

CHINESE COMPLAINTS AGAINST BRITISH IMPORTERS.

Business in preserved ginger, which is one of the important export lines from the Colony, has been hindered this year owing to Chinese dealers refusing to have differences with consignees arbitrated in London.

Hitherto business was done under a contract to the effect that in case of any question arising regarding quality, etc., such dispute was to be settled by arbitration in London. During the past two years several decisions have been given against the Chinese dealers, resulting in losses to them.

In a letter sent by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, on April 23rd last, it was stated that dealers would refuse to do further business unless it was agreed that any disputes were to be settled in Hong Kong. The complaint was that several "bad" decisions had been given by the London Board of Arbitration.

Local European exporters met on several occasions to discuss this matter, and the views of the London Produce Brokers' Association were also obtained. As a result, exporters have come to the unanimous decision that trade in preserved ginger would be impossible if disputes were to be settled in Hong Kong.

The London Produce Broker's Association pointed out that this country being a luxury and not a necessity, it does not meet with a very large demand from abroad, and that the only time any appreciable business was done was during the Christmas season. The business, therefore, had to be handled with care, and unless disputes were settled in London, importers at that end would have very little protection.

Local European exporters accordingly took a firm stand, and Chinese dealers are now selling in small lots under the old term. In view of the fact that the bulk of the trade is done with Europe, America, and Australia, it is quite likely that local Chinese dealers will eventually resume normal business under the original contracts.

A European's Views.

In an interview with Mr. J. M. de Rocha, principal of Messrs. J. M. de Rocha & Co., Ltd., a Daily Press representative was informed that as exports were the life-blood of the Colony, it behoves merchants to take a firm stand against any unreasonable demands by Chinese dealers, as only in this way can business generally become stable again.

Mr. Rocha, who is also Chairman of the Export Committee of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, is of the opinion that the growing of ginger in the New Territory should be encouraged, believing that it is only by such means that trade conditions can be made easier. Preserved ginger mostly comes from Canton, and a heavy export duty is levied, thus rendering business hard to settle.

The Chinese View.

Our representative was also able to obtain the views of Chinese exporters, who say that arbitration in London is most unfair, and often causes them great losses. They allege that whenever the market for this commodity was unfavourable, importers in London invent excuses in order to evade taking delivery. They are of the opinion that the only fair means of deciding a dispute is to have the matter arbitrated here. Importers abroad can be represented by their local agents here, the Chinese dealers can have their interests protected by a representative from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. (Continued at foot of next column.)

BRITISH SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

INCREASE DURING OCTOBER.

A rise of 8.70 per cent. in the general level of British shipping freights occurred in October, according to the latest Chamber of Shipping Index Numbers. The October index, at 97.27, compares with 95.80 for September, and 97.30 for October last year. Freight rates were available on 19 routes, and the most substantial movements were an increase of 17.30 per cent. over September in the United States group, and an increase of 8.31 per cent. in the Canada to United Kingdom (grain) group. The Time Charter Rate for October, 1928, at 53.91 shows an increase of 4.91 per cent. as compared with September, 1928, and is the same as that for October, 1927. If the average for 1913 is taken as 100, the value of the General Index of Shipping Freights for October, 1928, is 116.54.

During the last few weeks employment has shown some improvement on that for the first six months of this year and has reflected an autumn revival, which should normally occur. In November the state of the market was not quite as active as in some recent weeks, and rates, particularly in the North Pacific homeward grain trade, were slightly easier.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Route, Dec. 12th.	
Paris	124.15
New York	4.95 3/32
Brussels	34.59
Geneva	25.13
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.65
Berlin	80.35 1/2
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.13
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.49 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsinki	199 1/2
Madrid	29.92 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2
Athens	37 1/2
Bucharest	80 1/2
Rio	5.29 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/8 1/32
Yokohama	1/10 21/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	26 8/16
Silver (spot)	26 8/16
Silver (forward)	26 7/16

SUN BATHER'S LOST LAWSUIT.

WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM REFUSED.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCHEON SHOCKS.

BERLIN, Nov. 13th.—The difficulties that still beset the path of ardent sun-bathers in Germany, despite official support of the movement, were revealed in a Berlin law court to-day, when Fraulein Editha Pumpi, a housekeeper, and one of the 400,000 members of the National Nakedness Association, sued her employer for wrongful dismissal and two month's wages.

Herr Albert Salz, a sixty-year-old Berlin business man, explained in his evidence that he had engaged Fraulein Editha to act as housekeeper in his home during the temporary absence of his wife in a nursing home.

Seamy Costume. Fraulein Editha, he said, had been working extremely well until one morning she astonished him by appearing in extremely scanty costume to serve him his breakfast. She declared in answer to his protests that she had been having a sun-bath in the garden, and had not had time to put on all her clothes before attending to him.

Herr Salz thought her conduct strange, but determined to say nothing about the matter. When, however, he found the housekeeper's devotion to the September festival in nothing but a pair of running shorts, at lunch, he spoke severely to her, and Fraulein Editha promised to do her work in future in a more European costume. The next morning, however, Herr Salz's call for breakfast surprised her once more in the paradisaical garb of the "Friends of Light and Nature."

Herr Salz dismissed her on the spot, and the court decided that Herr Salz was justified.

Business Becoming Normal.

Be that as it may, business, on the old conditions, is gradually becoming normal. The four qualities mostly exported to Europe are: Ginger, Cargo in Syrup, Ginger Stem in Syrup, Dry ginger cargo, and Dry ginger Stem. Prices, vary from time to time, and current quotations are 44/- c.i.f. London for Cargo Ginger in casks of 1 cwt., and 41/- c.i.f. London, for stem ginger in casks of 1 cwt. Business done in Hong Kong during October and November amounted to 3,000 casks.

MR. R. KIPLING'S QUERIES TO DOCTORS.

STARS AND HEALING. MASTERING "TIME-LOCKS OF LIFE AND DEATH."

Mr. Rudyard Kipling addressed some questions to doctors when replying to the toast of "The Guests" at the annual dinner of Medicine, at the May Fair Hotel, London.

Mr. Kipling went back to the days of the practitioner nearly 300 years ago, and told a story of the astrologer-physician, Nicholas Culpepper, who, on learning that a maid-servant had fallen sick with what the local practitioner diagnosed as plague, asked what hour the young woman had taken to her bed, then erected a horoscope, and "inquired of the face of the heavens how the malady might prove."

"The face of the heavens indicated it was 'just smallpox'—'which our ancestors treated almost as light as we do.'"

If Culpepper Returned.

"Preposterous as all this was," said Mr. Kipling, "Culpepper justified his practice by the theory that this creation, though composed of contraries, is one united body, of which man is the epitome, and that he, therefore, who would understand the mystery of healing must look as high as the stars!"

"If he could return to earth to-day (Mr. Kipling continued), and see how things have progressed in the mystery of healing, I fancy he would be quite at ease in your Zion."

"He believed in the transmutation of metals. He could be shown that in full blast at a Royal Society soirée—with emanations. He would find that the essential unity of creation is admitted as far forth as we have plumbed infinity; and that man, Culpepper's epitome of all, is in himself a universe of universes, each universe ordered—negatively and positively—by sympathy and antipathy—on the same lines as hold the stars in their courses."

"Consequently, he would not be astonished to see men snatch out of the air an influence—an inner heat or pneumonia—of which they know no more than that it visibly warms, lights and works for them, and, invisibly, transmits their speech and vision to one side of the world on the instant that they themselves speak or look from the other."

His Axiom Proven.

Being an astrologer, he would, of course, go to Greenwich Observatory, to learn more about those influences. From Greenwich he would certainly push on to the B.B.C., who would tell him that there were unknown heavenly influences, which prevented millions of bold youths and blushing maidens from hearing the music they would dance to.

Presently he would be shown marvellous films of infected tissue being subjected to the influence of an influence called radium. "Then, I fancy, the fun would begin. Up to that point he would find the main axiom which he had quoted three centuries before accepted, proven, and in use."

So, as with his small-pox case, Culpepper's first question after he had seen the films would be: "What was the aspect of the Heavens at the time these phenomena occurred?"

"And what answer would he get? Isn't it likely that the multitude and significance of the revelations, heaped upon us with in the past few years have made men, in self-defence, specialise more and more narrowly?"

"Haven't we been driven headlong to abandon our conceptions of life, motion, and matter? And isn't it human that in that upheaval men may have carried off, each his own cherished prepossession, and camped beside it—just as refugees do after an earthquake?"

Problems For Astronomers. "Is it then arguable that we may still mistake secondary causes for primary ones, and attribute to instant and visible agents of disease unconditioned activities, which, in truth, depend on some breath drawn from the motion of the universe—of the entire universe, revolving as one body (or dynamo, if you choose) through infinite but occupied space?"

"The idea is wildly absurd? Quite true. But what does that matter if any fraction of any idea helps towards mastering even one combination in the great time-locks of Life and Death?"

"Suppose, then, at some future time, when the bacteriologist and the physicist are for the moment at a standstill, wouldn't it be interesting if they took their problem to the astronomer, and—in modern scientific language, of course—put to him Nicholas Culpepper's curious question: 'What was the aspect of the Heavens when such and such phenomena were observed?'"

Mr. Winston Churchill, proposing the "Royal Society of Medicine," said that he had always been one of Mr. Kipling's greatest admirers, although Mr. Kipling had not always been one of his.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 13th, 1928.	
B.K. Banks	.....\$1.32 1/2 nom.
Do. London	.....\$1.40 nom.
Chartered Bank	.....\$2.20 buy.
Merchants Bank, A. & B.	.....\$2.34 nom.
Do.	.....\$2.41 nom.
P. & O. Bank	.....\$2.50 nom.
East Asia Bank	.....\$3.00 buy.
Canton Insurance	.....\$6.80 sel.
Union Insurance	.....\$3.70 buy.
North China Ins.	.....\$1.60 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	.....\$2.50 nom.
China Underwriters	.....\$2.45 sel.
China Fire Insurance	.....\$2.50 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	.....\$7.50 sel.
Douglas	.....\$3.00 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	.....\$3.00 buy.
H.K. Tugs	.....\$1.40 sel.
Indo-China (Frat.)	.....\$4.00 buy.
Do. (Do.)	.....\$4.00 buy.
Shell Transport	.....\$1.10 buy.
Union Waterworks	.....\$3.00 buy.
Benguet	.....\$2.00 nom.
Kailan Mining Adm'n.	.....\$7.00 buy.
Langkai (combined)	.....\$1.10 nom.
Do. (single)	.....\$1.10 nom.
S'hai Explorations	.....\$1.25 buy.
Shanghai Loans	.....\$1.30 buy.
Runde	.....\$4.00 nom.
Trench Mines	.....\$1.75 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	.....\$1.35 sel.
H.K. & W. Dock	.....\$3.00 buy.
China Provident	.....\$4.00 buy, 5.10 sel.
Hongkong	.....\$1.50 buy.
New Engineering	.....\$1.50 buy.
Shanghai Docks	.....\$1.04 sel, 1.03 sa.
Ewo Cottons	.....\$1.30 buy, 1.35 sa.
Oriental Cottons	.....\$1.20 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old)	.....\$1.04 buy.
Do. (new)	.....\$1.04 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotel	.....\$9.30 buy.
H.K. Lands	.....\$8.00 buy, 6.50 sa.
Shanghai Lands	.....\$1.30 buy.
Humphreys Estates	.....\$1.40 buy, 1.50 sel.
H.K. Realities	.....\$3.00 sel.
H.K. Tramways	.....\$1.50 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	.....\$1.00 sel.
Do.	.....\$1.00 sel.
Star Ferry	.....\$2.00 buy.
China Lights	.....\$1.12 sel, 1.10 sa.
Do. (new)	.....\$1.15 sel.
Do. (1928 issue)	.....\$1.05 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	.....\$5.00 nom.
Do. (new)	.....\$5.00 nom.
Macao Electric	.....\$1.00 buy, 7.30 sel.
Telephones	.....\$7.10 buy, 7.30 sel.
Do. rights	.....\$5.70 nom, 5.80 sel.
China Bus	.....\$3.00 buy.
Singapore Tractions	.....\$1.00 nom.
Do. (Frat.)	.....\$1.00 buy, 1.03 sel.
China Sugars	.....\$0.00 cte. buy.
Malabon Sugars	.....\$2.00 buy.
Canton Ice	.....\$3.00 nom.
Cementa (combined)	.....\$3.50 buy, 9 sel.
Do. (old)	.....\$7.50 sel.
Do. (new)	.....\$7.50 sel.
H.K. Bopes (old)	.....\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	.....\$7.50 nom.
United Asbestos	.....\$5.00 nom.
Dairy Farms	.....\$2.10 buy, 2.20 sel.
Watsons	.....\$1.00 sel.
Der A Wings	.....\$0.00 cte. buy.
Lace Crawford	.....\$3.00 nom.
Machinists	.....\$2.00 nom.
Sincera\$9.00 buy.
Wm. Powell\$3.65 buy.
H.K. Amusements\$3.00 sel.
H.K. Constructions\$1.00 buy.
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
COMMANDANT.]

No. 300.
1.—Camp Pay.

All units will parade under Com-
pany arrangements to draw camp
pay at Corps Headquarters on
Thursday, December 20th, and
Friday, December 21st, 1928.

2.—Parades.

No parades will be held at Corps
Headquarters from Monday, Decem-
ber 24th, 1928, to Thursday, January
3rd, 1929, inclusive.

3.—Boxing Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Boxing Com-
mittee will be held at Corps Head-
quarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, De-
cember 17th, 1928.

4.—Boxing Tournament.

Intending competitors are remind-
ed that entries close at 9 p.m. on
Monday, December 17th, 1928.
Entries, stating weights, should be
sent to Sergt. W. H. Owen c/o
P.V.D.

5.—Musketry.

The Scottish Company will fire
Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters
Range on Sunday, December 16th,
1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mac-
kenzie.
Launch will leave Queen's Pier at
9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle,
belt, bayonet, braces, and pouches.
Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps
Headquarters on Friday, December
14th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon,
or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.;
and on Saturday, December 15th,
between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

6.—Corps Band.

The next Band Practice will be
Tuesday, January 8th, 1929.

The Band will parade to draw
Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m. on Monday,
December 17th, at Corps Head-
quarters.

8.—The Battery.

Annual Camp. The Battery will
proceed to Tai Lam Camp from
Friday evening, December 14th, to
Sunday evening, December 16th,
1928.

Transport to camp will be pro-
vided as follows:—

Friday, December 14th, by bus
leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30
p.m.
Saturday, December 15th, by bus
leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2
p.m.

Any members who cannot parade
at Kowloon Ferry at 6 p.m. on Fri-
day but can reach camp before the
8 a.m. parade on Saturday morning
must do so.

Dress: As for the first camp.

9.—Engineer Company.

The Company will parade at
Belcher's Fort on Tuesday, Decem-
ber 18th, at 6 p.m. for night run.

Dress: Uniform, caps (if issued),
tunics, slacks. Belts without side-
arms. Haversacks.

It will be necessary to bring
rations, as the run will not ter-
minate till 10.30 p.m.

10.—Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on
Monday, December 17th, and Thurs-
day, December 20th, at 5.30 p.m. for
Signal Instruction. Dress: Multi.

11.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, December 20th. Parade
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for
Machine Gun Instruction. Dress:
Overalls.

12.—Armoured Car Company.

Car Section: Parade at Corps
Headquarters on Monday, December
17th, at 5.30 p.m., for Machine Gun
Instruction. Dress: Multi.

13.—Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further parades
until Tuesday, January 8th, 1929.
Company Dance at the City Hall.
Members are reminded that the
Company Dance will take place at
9 p.m. on Friday, December 14th,
in the St. George's Room of the
City Hall. It is hoped that every-
one will be present to ensure a
successful and enjoyable evening.

14.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, Dec. 20th. Platoons
will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine
Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi, as
follows:—

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps
Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.
Musketry. The attention of all
ranks is drawn to this Corps Order
para 5, regarding Part II, to be
fired by the Company at Stonecut-
ters on Sunday, December 16th,
1928. This is the last day allotted
to Scottish Company.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mac-
kenzie.

15.—Portuguese Company.

Parades. The next parade for the
Company after December 14th will
be Friday, January 11th, 1929, when
everyone will be expected to be pre-
sent.

The Company will parade to draw
camp pay at Corps Headquarters
at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December
17th, 1928.

16.—Reserve Company.

Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Parade
at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.
and proceed to Kennedy Road
Range by Ford Truck for Machine
Gun Firing practice. Dress: Multi.

(Continued on next column.)

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

THE BELGIAN PRECEDENT.

BIG POWERS AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGES.

PEKING, Dec. 13th.

Another definite date has been
set down to mark a new phase in
the revolution of China's foreign
relations. This time it is January
1st, 1930. On that date, Belgium
agrees to renounce extraterritorial
rights—the "special privi-
leges about which Nationalist China
has been talking so much.

Germany and Russia already
have given up their extraterritorial
rights—which permitted
them to be tried in their own
courts for civil or criminal offences,
instead of being subject to Chinese
courts and law. But these coun-
tries were compelled by other
Powers to surrender their privi-
leges; they did not act voluntarily
without outside pressure as Bel-
gium has done.

However sound the arguments
may be that Chinese courts are cor-
rupt and uncertain in dispensing
justice, the fact remains that one
of the treaty countries has volun-
tarily signed a treaty with National-
ist China, giving up special rights
on a specific date, subject only to
the provision that the Chinese
Government make certain arrange-
ments for dealing with law cases.
The history of tariff autonomy
shows the effect which this specific
date is likely to have.

Tariff Autonomy.

At the Customs conference in
1925-6, it will be recalled, the repre-
sentatives of the Powers there re-
presented signed jointly with the
Chinese delegates a preamble to a
treaty, in which it was stated that
tariff autonomy would be granted
to China on January 1st, 1929.

China, in turn, agreed to abolish
the internal taxes which are such
a hindrance to foreign trade. The
conference later broke up, due to
a civil war which forced most of
the Chinese delegates to leave
Peking. So the preamble to the
unsigned treaty had no standing in
law. Nevertheless, the Chinese
have insisted that they had been
promised tariff autonomy on Janu-
ary 1st, 1929, and the United States
has admitted they may have it so
far as they are concerned. And
this progress has been made in
spite of the fact that the Chinese
Government has been able to do
very little toward keeping its share
of the bargain—abolishing internal
taxes. They appear to be at least
as bad as they were three years
ago.

January 1st, 1930!

Belgium's action in signing this
new treaty thus assumes new signifi-
cance. Belgium's interests in
China are not great, and it does
not appear to matter a great deal
what she does or does not do.
But the feeling here is that the
Chinese Government will now em-
phasize January 1st, 1930, just as
it has emphasized January 1st,
1929, and that every possible effort
will be exerted to persuade other
more important Powers to agree to
give up special rights on that date.

That the opposition to surrender
of these special privileges will be
much more strong than that to
tariff autonomy is evident. The
United States and Great Britain
and Japan, the three principal trad-
ing Powers in China, have shown
indication whatever of relin-
quishing extraterritoriality. Japan
may be the first to make some con-
cessions along this line, perhaps
offering to try out Chinese law in
Manchuria, where it is easier to
safeguard Japanese subjects. But
the Legations here believe that it
will be a matter of years before all
the special rights can be surren-
dered; as they do not consider that
the Chinese Government can exer-
cise any real control over the whole
country before that time.—United
Press.

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grammes. So why should we
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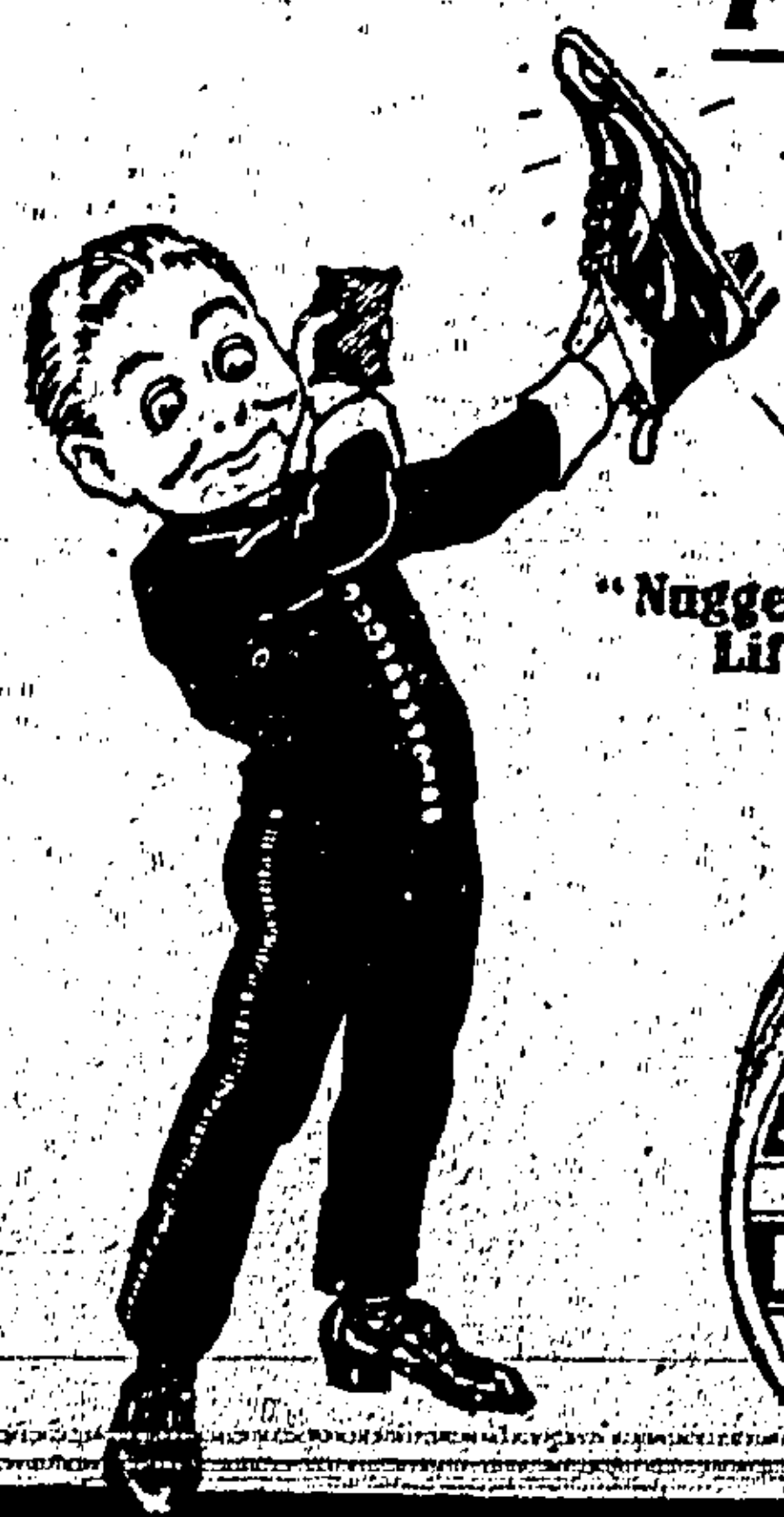
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GOLD COAST TRAGEDY.

STAGE STAR'S DOUBLE LIFE.

TWO "HUSBANDS."

HOMES IN AFRICA AND ENGLAND.

New and dramatic disclosures were made to the Colonial Office in London in relation to the charge of murder against Dr. Benjamin Knowles, M.C., a medical man in the service of the Government of the Gold Coast Colony, West Africa.

Dr. Knowles is under trial, accused of shooting his wife, Mrs. Harriet Knowles, in their bungalow at Bekwai, a native town twenty-five miles from Kumasi, the capital of Ashanti. Mrs. Knowles in her earlier life was Miss Madge Clifton, a prominent English music-hall and pantomime actress.

Accepted As Wife.

She had been living in West Africa—rich intervals for holidays at home—for the past two years, and was known and accepted as the wife of Dr. Knowles.

A statement made to the Colonial Office established the fact that the supposed "Mrs. Knowles" was really Mrs. Harriet Street, the wife of Mr. George Alfred Street, formerly a successful actor-manager and now the proprietor of a theatre and fancy dress store in a provincial town.

Mr. George Street, when he visited the Colonial Office, was asked to make a full report in writing concerning his dead wife. He was told officially that Mrs. Benjamin Knowles—otherwise Miss Madge Clifton, the actress—was dead, and that Dr. Knowles was charged with her murder.

"Music-Hall Tour."

All the time that Miss Madge Clifton was living in West Africa with Dr. Knowles her husband and her relatives, who live in London, thought that she was on a music hall tour in South Africa, Australia, and China. They had not the slightest idea that she was on the Gold Coast.

She wrote frequently to her husband, friendly, affectionate communications—always, however, without the trace of a complaint that she was having hard times and wanted to be back home.

There was a strange thing about these letters. They were not posted abroad. They were posted in London. They had been sent from Miss Madge Clifton, the music hall artist on tour, enclosed in an envelope, to some unknown second party in London, and posted on to the husband at his country or town address.

All these letters prove one thing—that Miss Madge Clifton was determined that her real husband and her mother should not know of her association with Dr. Knowles. The writer of the letters intended to give the impression that she was having a rather difficult theatrical time, and that she was longing for the moment when she could return home.

The whole affair is a most astonishing example of a married woman's double life.

It is difficult to give any real idea of the distress of the husband, Mr. George Street. He declares it is his intention to go immediately to the Gold Coast to ascertain the whole circumstances of Madge Clifton's adventures there.

"Think what it means to me," said Mr. Street to a representative of the *Daily Express*. "I believed my wife was on tour. The last letter I had from her was in August, when she wrote that she was having a 'hell of a time,' and that she would be back with me at Christmas."

"Wife Of A Doctor."

"After that, the next I know is when I see the *Daily Express* with an account of Miss Madge Clifton, my wife, being shot, coupled with the information that she was the wife of Dr. Benjamin Knowles, a doctor in the West African Government service."

Madge Clifton and I were married at the Brixton Register Office many years ago: when we were together in the profession. She was a widow then—her first husband was named O'Neill. Her maiden name was Taylor, and she was born in Manchester. Her mother still lives at Brixton—she is more than eighty years of age—and her brothers and sisters live in London.

"Whatever may have happened in West Africa I do not know. I am not casting blame on my wife. She was one of the best women in the world. She and I were the truest of pals. We had good times together when we made a great deal of money—I with my theatrical companies and she with her music-hall engagements—and we have had hard times, but we have always been pals."

"In the early part of 1926 we decided together—as things were bad for engagements—to open a theatrical shop in a provincial town. The business was registered in her name."

"Soon after that she came to me and told me she had been offered a good contract for a single-act (Continued on next column.)"

CHINA MERCHANTS' SHAREHOLDERS.

ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL CONTRARY TO LAW AND PROSPERITY.

"A SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING MUST BE HELD."

That the shareholders in the China Merchants S.N. Co. are growing more and more restive under Government control has been shown in two or three ways lately, says the *North China Daily News*. Now they have formed an association and a petition has been sent to the Government urging that a shareholders' meeting may be called—one was promised last June but it never met—and that the Company may be put back on its old footing. The petition, drawn up by Messrs. Tsang Tsun Kui, Tung K'ang and Wang You Liang has been published in the Chinese Press and the following is a translation.

"The China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., is the greatest Chinese steamship company of private ownership. When the Government appointed officers at the beginning, to supervise the management of the Company, it was with an intention to protect its right of navigation as well as the interests of the Company's shareholders and without any desire to deprive the shareholders of their private ownership. It has unfortunately happened, however, that the board of directors was dissolved by the Government, and the shareholders' meeting indefinitely postponed. With its business declining and debts increasing, the Company is on the verge of bankruptcy. In order to protect their own interests, the shareholders have no alternative but to struggle for the restoration of the Company to their own control."

A Purely Private Concern.

"From the beginning the Company was registered as a company entirely owned and managed by Chinese merchants and in this respect does not differ from the Chin Kee S.N. Co. in the north and the San Peh S.N. Co. in the south, which are up to the present free from governmental interference."

"It has been repeatedly declared by the Government authorities themselves that the shareholders are the masters of the Company; that the shareholders' meeting has the highest power; that the shareholders are expected not to relinquish their own right, the Government being only to supervise and not to manage the Company; that the governmental supervision may be abolished as soon as the board of directors is organized; and that the government will protect the private interests of the people, strictly forbidding the rumour of confiscation."

Taken Over By Government.

"In spite of these declarations, however, the Company has been at first supervised, then reorganized, and then taken over and managed by the Government. Recently comes into existence a queer invention called 'Governmental management of private institution' and the proposal of joint administration by the Government and the merchants has been adopted. According to the organization rules of the Ministry of Communications, private ownership of navigation companies is permissible and the power of the Government over

tour in Africa and Australia, and I advised her to go if she wanted to, and she went from me."

"Then towards the end of last year she came back to me, and told me stories of her experiences abroad. We lived together until the early part of this year. She stayed at our home, with occasional visits to London."

"Another contract came her way then, so she told me, for a tour in Australia and China, and she left me again, sailing from Liverpool."

In Ignorance.

"I had not the slightest idea of her association with Dr. Knowles. So far as I know I have never met him. I learn now that she must have been to West Africa when she was supposed to be touring in 1926, and when she came home it was the time when Dr. Knowles was on leave."

"How she met him I do not know. It may have been when she had a pantomime engagement in Scotland when he was at home there."

"Every one of the many letters I have received from her since she has been away has come to me from some one else. They have the London post marks on them, with her writing on the envelope, and they must have been sent to some other party and then re-posted to me."

"So Bohemian."

"I wondered at the letters coming to me like that, but I did not worry. I knew Madge so well; she was so bohemian and so casual, and she had so many women friends in the profession to whom she might write and enclose a letter for me."

"Now this terrible affair has happened, and I am all lost at the thought she will never come back to me. I think that I will shut up my business and sell it, and start off right-away for the Gold Coast to find out all the facts of the case."

such companies is limited to supervision. Strictly speaking, the way in which the Government deals with the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company has gone too far away from their own declarations and their authority."

Kinleeyuan Wharf Scandal.

"The assets of the Company are estimated to be worth more than forty million taels and the Company's navigating lines extend in all directions. In view of the successful unification of the country, the Company's business has a promising future. But the present authorities do not seem to avail themselves of the opportunity. The navigation of the southern line was suspended until public complaints compelled its restoration. The discharge of the Manager of Tientsin Office brought about the strike of workmen and the interruption of traffic, causing great loss to the Company. And the most startling news is that the houses of the Kinleeyuan Wharf which are the most valuable property of the Company, have been leased to the Kiu Chong Company for a long term of 30 years at a very low rental."

"On the application of the Shareholders Union which was based on the declaration that the Company would be handed back to the shareholders, the Ministry of Communications sanctioned the share registration and the shareholders' meeting to be convened on June 15th last. But this has not been carried out, for the time allowed for registration of shares was extended and the shareholders' meeting has been indefinitely postponed."

Deprived Of Law's Protection.

"The above are some of the most serious sufferings of the Company and the indefinite postponement of the shareholders' meeting is the greatest obstacle to its recovery. If private interests should be placed at the mere mercy of the Government and thus deprived of the protection of law, the result would discourage all industries and the sacrifice of one company would mean the sacrifice of numerous business enterprises."

"The petitioners, representing more than eight thousand shares, conclude with the prayer that the Ministry of Communications be instructed immediately to convene the shareholders' meeting, which has been long sanctioned, for the purpose of solving the complicated problem."

GOLD COAST TRIAL.

KUMASI (West Africa).

Nov. 16th.

One of the most important witnesses at the trial of Dr. Benjamin Knowles, on a charge of murdering his wife, formerly Miss Madge Clifton, the popular music-hall comedienne, will be the commissioner of police, who went to Bekwai to arrest Dr. Knowles, and who was the first person to enter the bungalow after the shot was fired. He is expected to be in the box to-morrow.

Dr. Knowles appears to be the least concerned person in the whole court, and as the case slowly proceeds it is quite evident that he is missing none of the evidence. He sits at a small table facing the judge, and takes notes of the whole proceedings.

He is keen and alert, and when asked by the judge if he had any questions to put to a witness, he quickly jumped up and surprised those in court by the preciseness of his cross examination.

CINEMA NEWS.

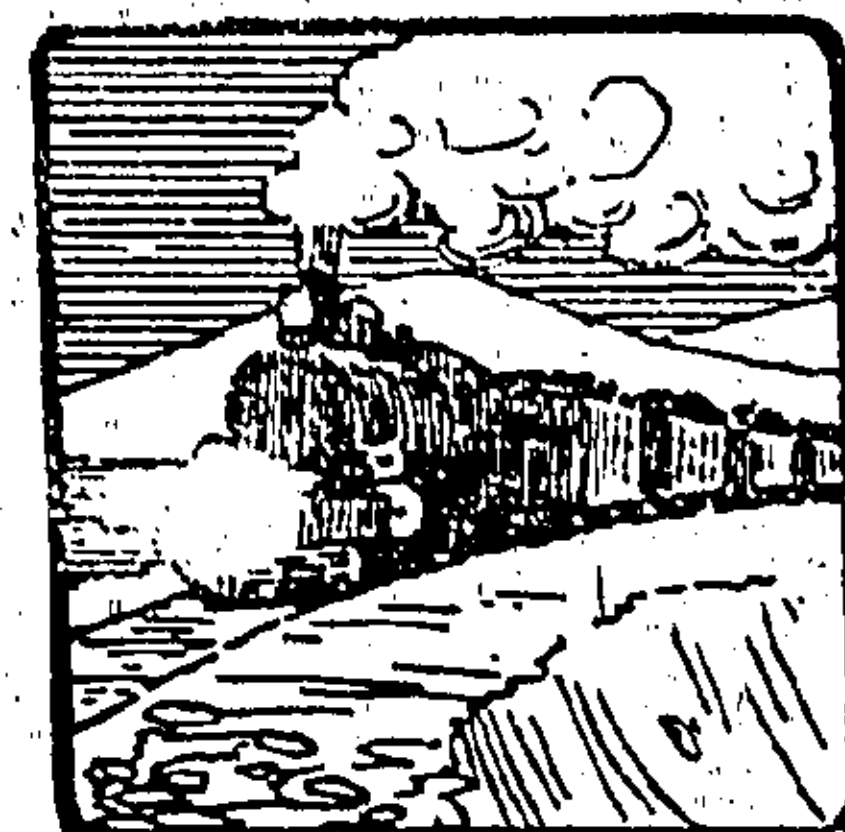
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DETAILS OF SECOND FIRE.

PANIC OF THE POPULATION.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 13th. Latest reports from Kwangsi state that another big fire occurred in Liuchow on the 28th of the last month, destroying more than a hundred shops and buildings and killing, as far as it is now known, several persons. The fire started at 11 o'clock in the morning in the busy market across the River and could not be got under control until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Liuchow, like Canton, is divided into two by a river. It was exactly one month before—October 28th, that the first disastrous conflagration occurred in the city proper, destroying over two-thirds of the city and killing 207 persons. The second conflagration nearly paralysed Liuchow. Quoting the Chinese adage, the people said, "great calamity never comes singly and blessings never come in pairs."

The cause of the fire was again carelessness. A woman named Tann Shee, mother-in-law of Wu Mow, proprietor of the Wu Tak Ying Brewery, was left to watch the stove. Toward 11 o'clock in the morning, the woman felt hungry and went to cook some rice. She started the fire and while the rice was boiling, she went out presumably to get some grub. A shelf above the stove was stacked with dry rice straw used in brewing wine. Some of these straws were hanging down close to the stove. A sudden north wind blew the dying embers into life again and the dry straws immediately caught fire and a moment later the whole stove was in flames. The woman returned and screamed for help but the fire soon spread to other stores and buildings, and finally razed several blocks of houses.

The people in the streets were panic-stricken at the conflagration. It was market-day and the streets were crowded. People ran in every direction to seek shelter and it is feared that the casualties were much more than officially noted.

The fire was finally extinguished by the demolition of several buildings. A rough estimate places the loss at over \$300,000.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBITION.

A Child Welfare Exhibition will be held this evening at 7.30 at the Canton Y.M.C.A. under the direction of Mrs. Chan Chan and Mrs. Ma Chin Tsuen. A number of health charts, pictures, cartoons, instructive slogans, and all the necessary paraphernalia for the rearing of healthy children are on display in the gymnasium. A lecture on infant welfare illustrated with lantern slides and a play dealing with the significance of the Exhibition will also be given. A number of trained nurses will be present to explain to the public the uses of the various articles. Speeches will be given by Miss Law Yap Tsit, Executive Secretary of the Canton Y.W.C.A., Mr. Lee Ying Lam, Executive Secretary of the Canton Y.M.C.A., Dr. Hoh Chi Cheung, Chief of the Municipal Bureau of Health, and other notables. Invitations have long ago been sent to mothers in the Canton community, urging them to attend the Exhibition, which has been organized.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR CANTON.

Canton's death-rate for the last week exceeds the birth rate by 11. According to the vital statistics published by the Bureau of Health for the past week, there were 210 births, four more girls being born than boys, against 221 deaths, 92 of which were men and 61 women. Of the infant deaths during the same period 20 were boys and 48 girls. Several cases of cholera and typhoid were reported, but so far small-pox has not made its appearance in Canton. Dr. Hoh Chi Cheung, Chief of the Municipal Bureau of Public Health, has launched a vaccination campaign to prevent this disease from making its appearance in Canton, and the streets are full of slogans urging the people to be vaccinated.

GENERAL WONG SHIU HUNG.

STILL IN CANTON.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 13th. Despite previous reports General Wong Shiu Hung is still in Canton. He was supposed to have gone back to Kwangsi last Tuesday on board the gunboat Siao Kiang, but the gunboat is still at anchor off the Government wharf. Learning of the return of General Wong, the Wuchow Garrison Commander despatched two gunboats to Canton to fetch the General, one of these, the T'ing Kiang, has returned to Wuchow. The Siao Kiang will wait in the Canton harbour for the General. But it is thought that he will leave before the end of this month, as the Reconstruction Conference is to be held on the first of January, 1929.

SHANGHAI MURDER AND ROBBERY.

MOTOR-BUS HELD UP.

ONE MAN KILLED, FOREIGN LADY HIT IN THE FACE.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8th.

It will be remembered that, some months ago, a sensation was caused by the holding up of a foreign lady by several armed men in the Kiangwan Road, outside the Settlement. Providentially, another foreigner was in the neighbourhood, and, though he was fired at, he rescued the lady. After that incident, the Chinese authorities made a great display by having the road patrolled after dark by armed soldiers, guarding the highways in couples every few yards throughout its length. Apparently tiring of this occupation the soldiers were withdrawn after a very short spell of the duty. The result was seen on Wednesday evening, when there occurred a most audacious and brutal outrage, combining armed highway robbery with an altogether unnecessary assault on a foreign lady, and the callous and unprovoked murder of a harmless Chinese.

The facts are related by a foreigner. His wife and himself often go to Kiangwan in the evenings and such an occasion occurred on Wednesday. It was their intention to travel in one of the small motor cars which maintain a passenger service to Kiangwan and back, but they noticed that, for some unknown reason, these had stopped running. Accordingly, they secured seats in an omnibus of the service recently started by a Chinese company. They were the only foreign passengers, but the vehicle was packed to the doors with Chinese, and finally razed several blocks of houses.

Foreign Passenger's Story. Many of the passengers were pony trainers or mafios who had been to the auction at the Horse Bazaar in the afternoon and the foreigner, who speaks the local dialect fluently and is interested in racing, engaged one of them in pony talk. The bus had gone only a short way along the road when it stopped and the foreigner, who was leaning forward to talk to his Chinese acquaintance, suddenly felt his arm roughly seized, and, looking up, he found a Chinese holding a pistol to his head. The man demanded his money and the foreigner, having only \$10, did not worry greatly about letting him have it.

He then noticed that there were four other men, all with pistols, attending to the other passengers, whilst a sixth, who did not show any weapons, was directing them. Having got the foreigner's money, the highwayman turned to the lady, shouted roughly to her and dealt her a heavy blow on the face. He then snatched her bag and took \$100 from it. A clerk from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank was robbed, he said, of \$630 and one of the trainers of \$150, but our informant was unable to estimate how much more the robbers secured. One of the mafios showed fight: the robbers, however, did not attempt to use their weapons, but overpowered him and emptied his pockets.

Shot In Cold Blood.

The conductor and an inspector, who also had been despoiled, were standing on the platform when the gang left the bus. They did not make any attempt to stop them, nor even to raise an alarm, but one of the gang went up to the inspector, put a pistol behind his ear and fired, killing him instantly. Another shot was fired at the conductor, who was wounded and is now in hospital in a serious condition.

Our informant states that the gang apparently were Shanghai men, for they spoke the local dialect. —N.C. Daily News.

CHINESE LOAN ASSOCIATION CUSTOM.

CAN A SHARE BE TRANSFERRED?

A case was heard at the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice P. Jackson in which the head of a Chinese Money Loan Association sued two members for the recovery of the sum of \$600.

The action concerned two members who had drawn their shares from the association and failed to pay their monthly subscriptions. The plaintiffs were Fan Ngai Nam, the head, and seven co-members. The defendants were the Asia Cafe and Kwan Yun Fong, and also the Tung Yuen Chi Ting Cafe. Mr. O. A. S. Russa appeared for the plaintiffs and the case for the defendants was conducted by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

The plaintiffs' case was that the defendants had made the highest bid and obtained the use of the money. They had, however, failed to pay their monthly subscriptions as they should have done.

The defendants' case was that they had transferred their share to another firm which had gone bankrupt, and that the transfer was effected with the consent of the head of the Association.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CHINESE BURNED TO DEATH.

YESTERDAY'S TRAGIC FIRE.

BRIGADE'S STRENUOUS FIGHT.

A fire of a much more serious nature than has been experienced in the Colony for some time broke out yesterday morning at 2.30 a.m., and after two hours' strenuous work by the Fire Brigade, it was got under control, but not without taking its toll of human lives. The conflagration started in a densely populated narrow street and the ground floor of No. 29, Upper Station Street, where it occurred; was well ablaze when appliances from the Central Station rushed to the scene. The fire spread with rapidity and when the hoses were brought into play, the entire building was involved.

The flames helped by a strong wind, soon spread to the two adjoining houses and also to a house on the opposite side of the narrow street.

The Brigade's work was rendered very difficult with houses on both sides of the street blazing like match wood, and the adjacent buildings being threatened. Reinforcements were sent for and within a very short space of time, the Island's entire fire fighting resources were at work at top speed. Shouts from persons imprisoned in the burning houses were heard from all directions, and rescue work at once began. One man was carried from the first floor of the house in which the fire originated. He was rushed to hospital suffering from burns in the hands and other parts of his body. In the meantime six juts were brought in to play from different angles.

By 4.30 a.m. the outbreak was under control. Houses Nos. 29 and 7 were completely gutted, while Nos. 19 and 22 were badly damaged.

The firemen showed great pluck in digging for dead bodies among a heap of smouldering debris, and their efforts brought to light the charred remains of a woman, who was said to have lived on the second floor of the house in which the fire first broke out. Later in the day, another body of a woman, two men and two children were unearthed. The position in which the dead bodies of the children were found indicated that they were trapped in the kitchen, where they had apparently run in their fright. Among the ruins was a large safe containing banknotes. The safe itself was nearly red hot, but undamaged. The notes were charred but not completely destroyed.

"BARBED WIRE."

UNUSUAL WAR STORY AT THE QUEEN'S.

A PICTURE WITH A PURPOSE.

(BY OUR FILM CRITIC.)

"Barbed Wire" is a story of the Great War. It is true and human in its essentials. Such situations arise in nearly every country which took an active part in the hostilities, but it seems a pity that it should have been made the medium of political propaganda and racial bias. A pity, because finely as it is acted, it is not likely to be received with as much pleasure by English or French audiences as by Americans or Germans.

Pola Negri has one of her best parts as the French peasant girl, daughter of a small farmer, who falls in love with a German prisoner of war. The gradual translation of her hatred for every member of a nation of enemies to love for Oscar and pity for his imprisonment fellow countrymen is very well portrayed. When realisation comes to her of what her love means she reaches the height of real tragedy because her acting is so restrained. The hero "Oscar" is played by Olive Brook who manages cleverly in steering clear of sentimentality and winning the sympathy of the audience. In fact the whole cast is good and the settings and general stage craft beyond reproach. What spoils the picture is the fact that nearly all the French are represented as most unpleasant characters and are contrasted sharply with the more human and likeable Germans. Even the appeal by the heroine's blind brother fails to ring true on account of this biased representation.

But despite this fault "Barbed Wire" is a very fine picture, and technically one of the best that has been seen recently. The lesson it teaches must touch a chord in all who have suffered through the war, and its echo will linger long after the minor irritations of the presentation have been forgotten.

The point at issue was whether a drawn member could transfer his share, and whether the head of the Association could sanction such a transfer without consulting other members.

After hearing evidence from both sides, his Lordship reserved judgment.

ALLEGED FORGED BANK NOTES.

TWELVE DEFENDANTS IN COURT.

OPENING OF THE CASE.

A case in which a committal of the defendants for trial at the Criminal Sessions will be asked for was begun before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday when ten Chinese men and two women were charged on various counts for alleged dealings in forged bank notes. A thirteenth man who appeared as the ninth defendant has been discharged by the police.

Mr. F. H. Loseby (of Messrs. Russ & Co.) defended the first five accused including a woman, the wife of the first defendant; Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the eighth man, and Mr. C. E. L. Grist for the twelfth.

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, said that there was a general charge of conspiracy to utter forged bank notes against all the defendants. The first man was also charged with possession of a pistol, thirteen copper plates which could be used for printing notes of the Central Bank of China, paper for use in connection with same (Luna Bond), and further with being in possession of a printing press.

The charges against the others, as stated by Mr. Fitzroy were: No. 2, possession of plates in her cubicle at No. 19, Queen's Road East, which she occupied with the first defendant. Nos. 3, 4 and 5, aiding and abetting a man named Chan Wing, who seemed to be the prime mover in the attempt to distribute forged notes in Hong Kong. No. 6, a woman, said to be the wife of Chan Wing, aiding, and abetting in the uttering of the notes. Nos. 7 and 8, possession of forged notes. The evidence against Nos. 10, 11 and 12, Mr. Fitzroy said, was not strong except that they were on very familiar terms with Chan Wing. No. 13 appeared to have made an unsuccessful attempt to get rid of one of the notes and he was arrested on information given by the others.

Exceedingly Good Forgeries.

Commenting on the forged notes, Mr. Fitzroy said they were exceedingly good and to anyone unaccustomed to handling of \$50 Hong Kong Bank notes it would be impossible to tell the difference. The enclosure in which the words "Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation" were printed appeared to be a little longer, and the colour in the centre of the notes was darker.

Suggestions were made at this point by Mr. d'Almada and Mr. Loseby that a number of genuine \$50 notes should be brought for purposes of comparison. Mr. Lindell agreed and directed that six notes be brought.

Mr. Fitzroy proceeded to deal with the circumstances leading to the arrest of the defendants. He said that towards the middle of November the police came to know of the existence of forged notes and detailed Chinese detective No. 630 to get in touch with the first defendant as a buyer of the notes for distribution up the coast. In the discussion between the two, the first defendant stated he was able to produce the "modest quantity of \$250,000 in forged notes."

His Worship remarked that perhaps the man was willing to replace the Treasury loss!

Notes At Half Price.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that the buyer in disguise agreed to buy \$4,000 worth for \$2,000 from Chan Wing who was brought into the deal. The detective also met other defendants in the case during the negotiations. The proposed deal did not go through as Chan Wing was informed that the police were watching the house. After this the police raided certain houses where many of the defendants were found, but Chan Wing had managed to give them the slip.

Evidence was given by Sergeant Whant of the arrests and discoveries made during police raids on No. 19, Queen's Road East and No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central.

In cross-examination by Mr. Loseby, witness said he was aware that the first defendant has been previously carrying on a legitimate printing business in the Colony. Witness also said that some part of the printing press, seized on the premises, were wrapped in Chinese newspapers but it appeared to have been in use as there were marks of green ink on the machine.

The case was adjourned.

ROUND THE COURTS.

SEQUEL TO KENNEDY ROAD MURDER.

ARREST OF TWO CHINESE.

Two Chinese were before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with the murder which took place in a lonely part of Kennedy Road on the evening of February 22nd. A young Chinese, the son of a well known manager of a local perfumery was fatally stabbed while the in the company of an attractive looking girl.

At the Coroner's inquest it was revealed that the girl was married to a man in Singapore and that before her marriage, she was on friendly terms with the deceased. A verdict of wilful murder by a person or persons unknown was returned by the jury.

Detective Inspector Lane who was in charge of the case said that it was partly due to information and partly to the recovery of certain pieces of jewellery from a pawnshop, including a piece alleged to have been stolen on the evening of the crime, which led to the arrest of the two young men.

The Chinese woman who was with the deceased at the time was at present in Singapore, but a cable had been sent to her requesting her presence for the proceedings. The woman in her statement gave a vague description of the men who attacked them, but her presence might be of great help to the police. A weeks formal remand was granted.

ONE MAN'S WORD AGAINST ANOTHER.

Two Chinese were before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday over a dispute about the ownership of a basket of vegetables.

One man accused the other of having stolen the vegetables from his garden at Shum Shui Po. Sergeant Jessop informed his Worship that the complainant could only "identify" the vegetables, but his wife actually witnessed the theft.

The woman in evidence said that she had seen the accused steal the vegetables from her garden at 5 a.m. in the morning. The accused had a garden next to theirs.

After hearing the evidence the Magistrate said that it was one man's word against another's and he could not convict. The defendant was discharged.

THREE BOATMEN AS WINE SMUGGLERS.

Three boatmen appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of having in their possession 236 gallons of dutiable liquor. The defendants said that they were only jokers and were not responsible.

It was stated by the Police that when they were challenged the defendants had replied that the cargo in the hold of their boat was only shrimps.

The first defendant was fined \$300 and the other two were discharged with a caution, as his Worship was of the opinion that they were only jokers. The first defendant was proved to be in charge of the boat.

KEYS TO ALL DOORS OF PRESIDENT APARTMENTS!

A Chinese youth was ordered by Mr. E. W. Hamilton to receive 12 strokes of the birch for stealing two keys from President Apartments, Kowloon. The defendant was found by a Chinese detective in an empty flat and searching him, a key was found with which all doors of the house could be opened.

FAILED TO DISMANTLE STRUCTURE IN BACKYARD.

The owner of a structure built without permission in the backyard of No. 298, Shanghai Street, was fined \$100 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton for failing to have the building removed within the period ordered by a Magistrate. The tenant who built the structure was also fined \$50. In both cases the defendants were ordered to have it removed within 14 days.

TWO CHINESE BARBERS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

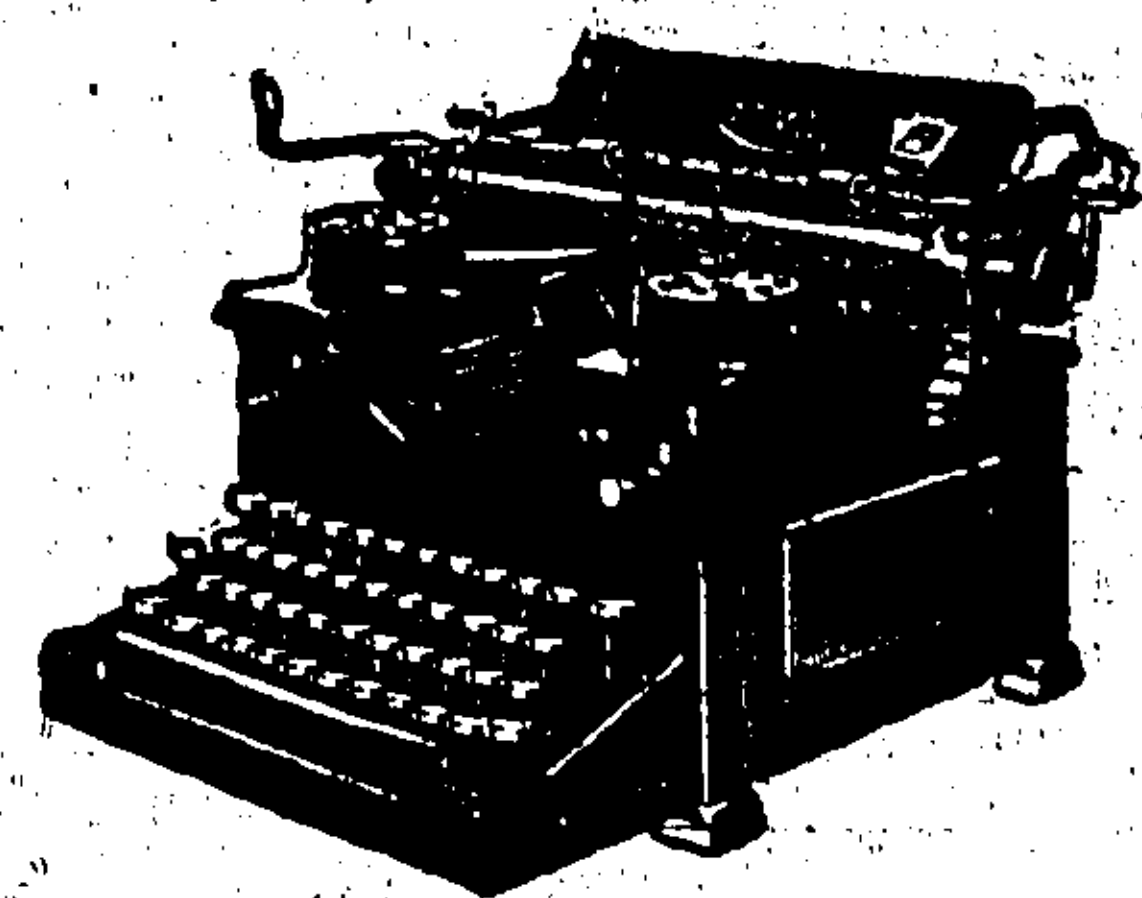
The two Chinese barbers who are charged with having murdered a fellow barber were again before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday afternoon. A plan of the place where the deceased was found was produced in Court by Mr. Martin J. De Ville of the Public Works Department and further evidence was given by inmates of the barber shop in Canton Rd. where deceased and defendants lived together. The hearing was adjourned.

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York Building,
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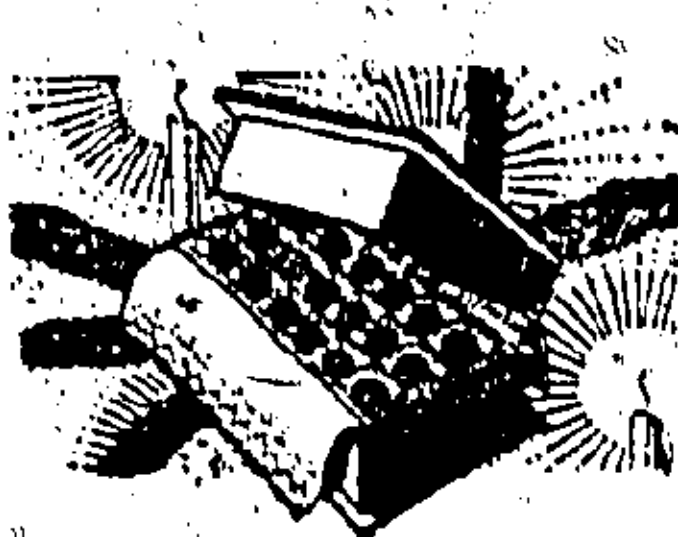
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WATER AND WATER-

WORKS.

It is very natural now, as each

month passes without rain, that the

figures showing our water storage

should be subjected to careful, if

not anxious, scrutiny. The returns

for November bear out approxi-

mately the estimates we gave in this

column towards the end of October.

Consumption on the Island has been

reduced to below two hundred

million gallons a month, and as

there are over twelve hundred

million gallons in our reservoirs

we have, on this basis, enough to

last until well into June, 1929. As

calculation is based upon the as-

sumption that not a drop of rain

will fall between now and the

middle of next year, which is in-

conceivable, there is, as we have

previously stated, no cause to fear

anything in the nature of a water

famine during the present dry

season. But the figures emphasise

the deplorable position in which we

are placed, and certainly support

our contention that a very serious

crisis will arise in the spring of

1930, unless the fates are extra-

ordinarily kind.

As time passes the situation be-

comes clearer. It is quite prob-

able that we shall have no effective

rain before the end of March. By

effecting we mean rain which will

be effective. The reply is not one

Anything under an inch will be of absolutely no value for that purpose. At the beginning of April, therefore, which we may regard as the commencement of the rainy season, we shall have a total of about four hundred million gallons in all reservoirs. That may seem a more than sufficient margin for safety. But is it? The calculations of one year have a very distinct bearing on the calculations for the following year when once we allow water storage to diminish to this level. Four hundred million gallons in all reservoirs means that Tatum Tuk will be nearly empty. In order to carry us through the dry season comfortably, and without restrictions, we must have the reservoirs full to overflowing on October 1st. Let us forget the four hundred million gallons for a moment and assume that the reservoirs are actually dry. They will hold 2,200 million gallons, and to obtain that quantity thirty inches of effective rain, representing a fall of sixty inches, is required. But this does not allow for consumption. If restrictions are removed—and it will arouse a certain amount of bitter comment if they are maintained whilst rain is pattering down at the rate of twenty inches or so a month—that consumption will be at the rate of 300 millions a month, or 1,800 million gallons for the six months, April to September. This will need almost another 50 inches added to the rainfall, making a total of 110 for the wet season. The four hundred million gallons actually in the reservoirs when the rains commence may be regarded as the equivalent of ten inches of rain.

Therefore, if the position at the end of March, 1929, is as we have described, and there is no sound reason for believing that it will be more favourable, we shall need a minimum of 100 inches of rain between April and September next if we are to face the dry spring of 1930 with equanimity. Is it likely that we shall obtain it? If the facts are "extraordinarily kind" and send us two or three well-timed typhoons, say towards the end of September, we may. But it will be something new in the history of the Colony if the people have to pray for typhoons to save them from drought. The pipe lines across the harbour may save the position, but as we have previously pointed out, they will have to be placed on the bed of the harbour if they are to be in working order by January or February, 1930, when they will be urgently required. If we wait to embed them in concrete, as is being suggested, they will not be in position in time to be of service if the crisis we have outlined should arise.

Sir Cecil CLARKE, in 1928, promised to appoint a commission to study the whole subject of water supply. The question of the building of a new reservoir was under discussion in the Legislative Council, and His Excellency pointed out that such a reservoir would not solve our problem. "What we shall do after that," he said, "requires very anxious thought. I will have all the available information collected and then appoint a committee to study it." The Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUMAS made reference to this promise during the Budget debate last year. That very busy officer, my Honourable Friend, the Director of Public Works, is now engaged on the preparation of a comprehensive report on the various possible schemes for supplying the inhabitants of this Colony with that most precious of all commodities, good water, and the results of his labours will in due course be laid before you for consideration. When the necessary information has been collected His Excellency intends to appoint a commission to consider the whole subject.

Our honourable and very busy friends of the Public Works Department produced their report early during the present year, and the Commission should unquestionably be appointed immediately upon His Excellency's return from home leave. That is a matter which the Unofficial Members of the Council ought to take up very seriously. The waterworks are growing steadily year by year into a great undertaking; loans are being floated to finance the necessary construction, and it is high time the whole enterprise was placed upon a basis very much sounder and more efficient than that upon which it stands at present. How many members of Council, or Executive officers of the Government for that matter, could tell us precisely the capital value of the water works, the true cost of maintenance, and the exact amount involved in no-

Obviously that state of affairs should not be allowed to continue. It is a happy-go-lucky, hit-or-miss method entirely unsuited to the needs of a growing community which prides itself upon its business-like conduct of affairs. "We have been glancing through some of the reports issued by the Water Department of Singapore. They are full and precise, and it would serve a good purpose if they were placed before the Commission when it does come into being. The publication of such reports would be an impossibility in Hong Kong under our present conditions, and unless we are always to jog along about a quarter of a century behind the neighbouring Colony these conditions must be radically changed.

The Waterworks Department should be a department under the general direction of the Public Works, but with a budget of its own. The question whether everyone should be supplied with an unlimited amount of water free of all charge could be decided on the basis of the cost to the general community. It might be urged that the water service should pay for itself in order to secure fair treatment all round. But that is a matter of policy which we need not argue at this stage. Our contention is that the best course to adopt cannot be determined in anything approaching a scientific way unless reasonably accurate estimates of revenue and expenditure are forthcoming, and they certainly cannot be obtained now. These are the questions to which the Commission should direct chief attention and not, as has been suggested, to the problem of the actual supply of water in future. That problem will be solved for some years ahead if the Shing Mun Valley Scheme is gradually developed in its entirety and according to the original plan until it provides its maximum amount of seventeen million gallons of water daily. There is no justification, as far as we know, for going over that particular ground again, but with such a scheme in progress, with the expenditure estimated, we believe, at something like seventeen million dollars, there is urgent necessity for establishing a Water Department which will function efficiently and with full responsibility. Some driving force may be necessary to bring this Department into existence, but the first step towards it will be the appointment of the promised Commission. Such a Commission, which should include a financial expert among its members, will, if it tackles its task thoroughly, almost certainly place the organisation of the Department on the lines we have suggested among the first of its recommendations.

Two Chinese who were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with being in possession of 52 tins of illicit opium were remanded till Monday, bail being allowed in the sum of \$1,500 each.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 24th, amounted to 100,530 tons, and the sales during the period to 94,573 tons.

A Chinese fitter on the s.s. "Hai Ching" (Douglas Steamship Company) which is lying alongside her wharf was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. suffering from severe scalds on the face.

There will be a sale of Home-made cakes, candies and novelties by members of the Union Church congregation at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, December 18th from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in aid of the Church Renovation Fund.

The mechanism for lowering boats at sea has been said to be unchanged in principle since Elizabethan times. Does the device system—so liable to frustration on one side when a vessel has taken a strong list—represent the last word in nautical invention?

Chan Cheung, an odd job coolie, has made a report to the Police that while he was standing on the stairway of his flat at No. 11, Queen's Victoria Street, he was stabbed on the left side of the forehead with a knife by a Chinese named Leung On who ran away in the direction of the Central Market. The victim subsequently had his wounds attended to at the Government Civil Hospital.

"On With The Dance!" The Hyogo prefectural authorities, who are responsible for the administrative control of Kobe (Japan), have issued dance-hall regulations to be effective from January 1st next. The regulations follow:—1.—Wives aspiring to become dancers must obtain the consent of their husbands. 2.—No dance-hall is allowed in the vicinity of shrines, temples, government institutions, schools, hospitals, within residential quarters, places facing main streets, and near other dance-halls. 3.—No dance-hall is allowed in underground rooms, or on the third floor of a building and upwards. 4.—All dance-halls must have an area of 30 *tenso* and upwards, and a height of 12 feet and upwards between the ceiling and the floor. 5.—Adequate sound-proof arrangements shall be made in the floor and walls of dance-halls. 6.—No unnecessary room is allowed to be attached to dance-halls, except an office, toilet-room and smoking room. 7.—No students or persons under age, are allowed to enter dance-halls.

The children's singing was, perhaps, the most interesting item because it is very rare in Hong Kong to find child singers on the platform except at school concerts. They had been excellently trained and their clear voices were well heard right at the back of the hall.

Miss Acheson seemed quite in her element in her amusing little recitations, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the rows of children just under the stage, to whom she particularly addressed herself, and by their elders in the body of the hall.

The concert was on novel lines, and we hope that Mrs. Hargreaves Browne will repeat her successful experiment on many future occasions.

The programme was as follows:—1.—Children's Corner...C. Debussy. (a) Little Shepherd. (b) Valse de la Poupée. (Mrs. Hargreaves Browne). 2.—(a) The Lamplighter...R. Quilter. (b) Where go the Boats. (c) Before Tea. F. Fraser Simpson. (Mrs. Bellamy). 3.—French Nursery Rhymes. (a) La Mère Michel. (b) L'Agneau tout blanc. G. C. Dalcroze. (c) Sur le Pont d'Aignon. (d) Petit Tambour. (e) En passant par la Lorraine. (Jacqueline and Jill Hargreaves Browne, Sylvia and Betty Comyn, Rosaline and Andrew Kinloch, Pauline Wolfe, Murray, Yvonne Davenport Browne, Betty Richards, Marguerite MacElderry). 4.—(a) King John Xmas. A. A. Milne. (b) Puppy and I. (c) Lines and Squares. (Miss Acheson). 5.—(a) Gavotte Variée...Handel. (b) Goliath Cakeswalk. C. Debussy. (Mrs. Hargreaves Browne). 6.—(a) Two Little Stars. Charles V. Stanford. (b) Little Snowdrop. Charles V. Stanford. (c) There are Fairies at the Bottom of the Garden. Liza Lehman. (Mrs. Bellamy). 7.—The Three Foxes. A. A. Milne. (b) Us Two. (Miss Acheson). (c) The Little black Hen. (Miss Acheson).

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News and Views.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES.

BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER
IN SHANGHAI.MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AS GUEST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, December 13th.

Proposing the healths of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Commerce, Mr. Calder Marshall, Chairman of the British Chamber and the China Association, pointed out that Chinese and British ideas on treaties, taxes and trade marks did not always synchronize. Both nations however had the same goal—the welfare of China.

Mr. Calder Marshall referred to vexatious taxes, which are impeding commerce, and the occurrence of unfortunate incidents, and inability to obtain redress. He hoped that these matters would receive attention so that there should be security and justice in a united China.

The British realized that the Government's task was colossal, but the statesmen who are leading China know those eternal principles which are the corner stones of national stability. He wished them every success in their great work.

C. T. WANG'S SPEECH.

C. T. Wang and H. H. Kung were the guests at a dinner to-night given by the British Chamber of Commerce and the China Association. In the course of his speech Mr. Wang said that he appreciated the spirit which animated the occasion, which he interpreted as a spirit which sought a better understanding of China so that the Chinese and British relationship might continue to improve.

A mutual lack of understanding had been the cause of much friction in the past, but experience was guiding both nations to the path of a normal and equitable relationship and the co-operation which should have existed long since between them.

Friendly Gestures.

If the Chinese people are quick to resent unjust or intolerant treatment, they are as quick to respond to gestures of friendship. The British declarations of December, 1926, and January, 1927, although falling at the time to dissipate the apprehensions lingering in the mind of the Chinese people, have gradually changed their attitude to Britain.

The National Government regard the trying times that existed between Britain and China as now over. In a country with a past like that of China, and which is politically slowly changing to its foundations, a man who expects the absence of anomalies or instability and uncertainty to a certain extent—well, he has not read history. Almost more than any other of the kindly qualities, China in these days needs forbearance on the part of her critics and also needs understanding.

The Immediate Future.

The immediate future of China depends a good deal upon recent and present negotiations with the Powers. In this respect I feel assured that the British nation will not lend support—directly or indirectly—to any moves which any other quarter may make to prevent China from working out her own destiny—calculated to disintegrate China politically or to secure the continuance of the state of instability and uncertainty from which China is emerging.

Commercial Interests.

In this connection I remind you that as long ago as 1858 the Duke of Devonshire, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, pointed out that Britain's main interests in China were commercial interests, and any

attempt on the part of other nations to establish in China spheres of influence, where the principles of commercial exclusion might be set up, would be opposed by Britain to the utmost.

Britain's Policy.

In view of the liberal re-orientation of Britain's foreign outlook since the war, and the recent statements made by British statesmen, I feel confident that Britain to-day more than ever stands by that policy. Therefore it is expected that she will never lend support or even condonation to policies from any quarter which seek to secure those things which the Duke of Devonshire pledged that Britain would oppose. Furthermore, to afford any opportunity for even the impression to prevail here that Britain was lending support or condonation in that respect would bring about apprehensions which we should all try to prevent in the minds of the Chinese people.

Friendly Gestures.

It is common knowledge that your Government nowadays is unusually well informed on all matters in the Far East, and therefore your rulers friendly gesture, Mr. Baldwin's frank expression of Britain's desire to take all practical measures to meet the natural aspirations of our people and Sir Austen Chamberlain's assurance that he is always anxious to do his utmost to settle in the friendliest manner all outstanding questions with the National Government encourage us in the immense task we have in hand—the enormous labour of co-ordinating modern thoughts and conditions with a social system which took root more than four thousand years ago.

I understand from these speeches by your leading statesmen that the British Government will seek understanding and co-operation from China, and they will certainly find the National Government ready and eagerly responsive. I sincerely hope this growing spirit of better understanding will soon bear fruitful results.

British Trade.

The year 1928 witnessed a continual recovery in British trade to China. The National Government is desirous to see it will continue to flourish. It is my sincerest hope that to-night's friendly meeting between you and us is a happy augury for the success of the new era of a re-adjusted and equitable relationship between China and Britain.

OFFICIALDOM IN
CHINA.

CORRUPTION RIFE.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th.

The North China Daily News in a sarcastic leader says that none is surprised at the sudden silence which has fallen on the Kiangnan opium case. The first symptom of disillusionment was the dismissal of the Chief of Police, Tai Shih Fu, who was merely carrying out the orders of the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, who was acting under Nanking's instructions to suppress the opium trade. "The Kiangnan opium case is dead."

The Daily News adds that it seems that the official prerogative of opium is inviolable. Governors who should protect their people compel them to grow the poppy instead, till China literally cannot produce enough food for her needs because her generals and officials must have their opium revenue to supply their concubines with mansions, motor-cars and jewels. The Chinese masses know it and will not forget, but for the time being the opium dealing officials are safe behind their two million soldiers and the willing silence of the highest in the land.

CLASSIFICATION OF SILK.

INTERNATIONAL CON-
FERENCE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 13th.

The Silk Association of America has approved the plans of an International Technical Conference for the classification of raw silk in New York in the spring. European, Far Eastern and American experts are expected to participate.

IMPERIAL RESEARCH
STATIONS.NEW LINK ESTABLISHED.
FAR-REACHING EFFECT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 13th.

In pursuance of the recommendation made at the Imperial Agricultural Research Conference in 1927, meetings attended by representatives of various parts of the Empire have recently been held in London, and the proposals formulated are now before the Government. They should if adopted have far-reaching results in the furtherance in the Empire of scientific agricultural research.

The establishment of eight new bureaux or clearing houses of information is recommended, each to deal with a separate branch of agricultural science and all to be financed from a common fund formed by contributions from the different governments. Various bureaux would be attached to the existing research institutes, the governing bodies of which have already accepted the general principle of the proposal. They would deal with such matters as soil science, animal nutrition, animal health, animal genetics, agricultural parasitology, and plant genetics of crops and herbage plants.

Transvaal Link.

An announcement has been made by the Empire Marketing Board that the Union Government veterinary research station at Onderstepoort, in the Transvaal, will serve as a link in the chain of Imperial research stations. The Board has approved a substantial grant for this station, and states that it is expected that its new status will lead directly to intensified investigation of such problems as tsetse-fly control.

EMIGRANT RATES TO
CANADA.MANY ENQUIRIES FOLLOW
REDUCTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 13th.

As a result of the reduction to £10 of the passenger rate for emigrants to Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have received requests from sub-agents in all parts of country, to whom inquiries had been made by prospective settlers for information regarding the matter.

"CELTIC" IN BAD POSI-
TION.

CARGO DISCHARGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Dec. 13th.

The cargo aboard the White Star liner Celtic, which is aground at the entrance to Queenstown Harbour, is being discharged. The liner is in a bad position, but the weather so far has been good.

KING NOT LOSING
GROUND.CONDITION FOLLOWING
OPERATION.

CONSIDERABLE "ANXIETY."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

A much more hopeful feeling prevailed at Buckingham Palace to-day, though anxiety continues. The King's condition since last night, and the wonderful rally mentioned in the earlier bulletins, shows the remarkable strength with which His Majesty is still fighting his illness on the twenty-second day of his exhausting course.

At 3.30 p.m. an extra bulletin was posted at the Palace, as follows:—
"The slight improvement in the King's condition noticed this morning is maintained. Some purulent fluid round the base of the right lung was removed by puncture this morning and further drainage will be necessary."

(Signed) STANLEY HEWITT,
L. E. WHITBY,
HUMPHRY ROLLESTON,
DAWSON OF PENN.

The afternoon bulletin came as a complete surprise, even to many of the Palace household. The secret of the minor operation for the removal of the fluid was well kept. The five doctors were with the King for an hour before the bulletin was issued. Dr. Lionel Whitby, the bacteriologist, was called shortly before the others.

Officials at the Palace were reluctant to comment, but the mention of the maintenance of the improvement is undoubtedly a good sign.

CONSIDERABLE
WEAKNESS.

LONDON, December 13th.

The bulletin issued at 10.45 a.m. states that the King has had some sleep. The local condition is satisfactory. Weakness and toxemia are considerable, but the pulse is steady, and His Majesty is not losing ground. The bulletin is signed by three doctors.

Despite the success of the operation, anxiety continues at the Palace to-day. The considerable weakness mentioned in the morning bulletin, though merely natural, is causing the doctors great anxiety. It is authoritatively stated that the weakness is not unduly alarming, but for the next few days until it is known definitely whether the King's strength is sufficient to conquer the weakness or not, anxiety must continue.

Sir Hugh Rigby, Surgeon to the King's Household, and one of the most famous surgeons in the world, visited the Palace this evening, and the opinion that the summing up of Sir Hugh was connected with the cutting of two small portions of two adjacent ribs for the purpose of drainage.

Successful Operation.

This surmise proved correct, for a bulletin issued at 8.45 p.m. and signed by the five doctors above and Sir Hugh Rigby, states:

"An operation on the King for the drainage of the right side of the chest was successful. The condition of His Majesty was satisfactory. Sir Hugh Rigby was the surgeon."

Dr. Francis E. Shipway was the anaesthetist. He is the inventor of the 'Shipway' anaesthetising apparatus.

The Prince of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York were with Her Majesty the Queen while the operation was carried out.

The decision to operate followed the finding of pleural fluid, some of which was removed by puncture during the morning. The fluid was what the doctors were seeking when they conducted exploration by needle and by X-ray examination on Friday. Then they were unable to find any marked effusion.

Later, the infection which had become localised in the right lung suddenly spread generally throughout the body and it was this which gave rise to the grave anxiety of the past two days.

Localised Infection.

The King's rally last night follows what might be described as a miraculous return of localised infection instead of general infection.

This is regarded as a good sign since it meant that the doctors could carry out active treatment. This they did in the morning with the happy result that they were able to arrange for the operation later on in the day.

The operation could not have been performed had the King been unable to maintain his strength in face of the attack of the disease. The lower temperature recorded this morning was the first sign that the infection was again localised. The operation was finished at 7.50 p.m. (Continued on next column.)

NEW 10,000-TON
CRUISER.H.M.S. "NORFOLK"
LAUNCHED.TENTH OF THE "COUNTY"
CLASS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.

The new 10,000-ton cruiser, H.M.S. Norfolk, has been launched on the Clyde.

[The cruiser Norfolk, built at the works of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Govan, Glasgow, was authorized in the 1926 programme, but was not laid down until July, 1927. She is the tenth cruiser of the new County class, of 10,000 tons displacement and armed with six guns, in accordance with the limitations imposed by the Washington Treaty. Five of these ships, the Kent and her sisters, were authorized in 1924, and four, the London group, in 1925. In 1926 there were three ships authorized, the Norfolk, Dorsetshire, and York, but the last named, which was launched by the Duchess of York on July 17th, 1928, will be of a new type, of medium displacement of 8,400 tons. The naming ceremony at the launch of the Norfolk was performed by the Countess of Leicester, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of the county after which the cruiser is named.]

An air of tense anxiety prevailed through the Palace during the operation, in connection with which the doctors were consulting almost continuously all day long. Preparations were made in the afternoon.

The Glad News.

The Prince of Wales, the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of York and Princess Mary were the first to hear the glad news that the operation had been successful.

Late to-night, the previous anxiety was replaced by an air of subdued optimism in the Palace. The Prince of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of York left Buckingham Palace after the operation, but returned at nine o'clock to dine with the Queen.

The operation was a great test on His Majesty's strength, which has already been impaired by 22 days of illness, but the fact that the King was able to undergo an operation at all is regarded as remarkable and as a wonderful tribute to the strength of his constitution.

Those in close touch with the Royal circle are hopeful, therefore, as to the ultimate result, but they realise that a long and difficult struggle is still ahead.

Medical Report.

An official statement concerning the history of His Majesty's illness, issued at three o'clock this afternoon, authorised for publication in the medical Press, says:

"General blood infection, toxemia, were prominent features for the first fortnight and at one time caused grave anxiety, as, moreover, the characteristics of typical pleuro-pneumonia were not present."

"A week ago, the evidence of general infection became less prominent. Nevertheless, as the original pleurisy had involved the diaphragm, a careful watch was kept for the formation of fluid between the lung and the diaphragm and its extension to the posterior pulmonary surface."

"There were signs of this development this morning, accompanied by increased leucocytosis, and drainage will now be performed."

"Though this pleural localisation of the infection has been so anxiously anticipated, it makes the direction of advance much more defined and much more hopeful."

"There is still prospect of a long and difficult struggle."

It was officially stated at 11.30 p.m. to-night that the King's condition hitherto continues satisfactory.

The Prince of Wales, who talked for a long time with the doctors, left Buckingham Palace at 11.15 p.m.

The doctors, who had been in almost constant consultation since the afternoon, departed at 11.30 p.m., with the exception of Sir Stanley Hewitt, who is remaining for the night.

Queen's Devotion To Duty.

The Queen's devotion to duty was shown to-day by her decision, despite her deep anxiety, to fulfil her engagement to unveil the War Memorial, which has been erected on Tower Hill by the Governments of the Empire, to men of the Merchant Marine and Fishing Fleets, who lost their lives in the War and whose only grave is the sea.

Twelve thousand and eighty-six names are engraved on the Memorial, which was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, and takes the form of a vaulted corridor, sixty-four feet by seventeen feet.

On her way to the Memorial, Her Majesty was the object of popular sympathy, which was shown by a deeply impressive silence, instead of the ovation which normally would have been given her.

Accompanied by Princess Mary, who left the Palace at 2.30 p.m., and drove unescorted through (Continued on next column.)

GERMANY IN CHINA
MARKET.

HUGE INCREASE IN TRADE.

PRE-WAR FIGURES
ECLIPSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 12th.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has sanctioned the Trade and Shipping Agreements between Germany and the Union of South Africa, as well as the Trade and Shipping Agreements between Germany and Panama, and the German-Chinese Trade Agreement.

Dealing with the Trade Agreement between Germany and China, the Government spokesman pointed out that all restrictions of Germany's position, compared with other countries in the trade with China had been eliminated.

He said Germany's post-war trade with China had exceeded since 1925 all the pre-war trade figures. The value of goods exchanged with China in 1927 surpassed 1913 by 49 per cent., and the first six months of 1928 had already reached the total figures of the 1913 trade to Germany, while both years had exceeded the trade to China by 100 per cent.

CONCILIATION BY
KELLOGG.

BOLIVIA'S CHANGED VIEW.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13th.

Bolivia has decided to continue to participate in the Pan-American conciliation conference. The volte face is due to Mr. Kellogg's efforts.

INCREASED BRITISH
EXPORTS.TRADE FIGURES COMPARED.
NOVEMBER SLUMP.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 13th.

The Board of Trade returns for November show that imports were valued at £106,855,875, showing a decrease of £282,000 compared with the corresponding month of 1927.

Exports were £263,766,502, a decrease of £6,843,000.

For the first eleven months of this year, the imports totalled £1,096,000,000, this being a decrease of £18,500,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The exports for the eleven months totalled £2,863,000,000, being an increase of £12,750,000.

The decrease in November exports is largely accounted for by a reduction in the exports of cotton and woollen goods amounting to £3,500,000. There was also a decrease in the exports of vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft, to an extent of £278,000.

The increase of exports for the eleven months' period is, however, a gratifying feature.

drizzling rain to the City, where thousands had assembled. They raised their hats and hands in a spontaneous gesture of sympathy far more impressive than cheering.

A short service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Queen performed the actual unveiling, saying: "To the Glory of God and in honour of these brave men, I unveil this Memorial on behalf of those for whom they died."

The signal "We will not forget" was hoisted at the flagstaff. The ceremony was broadcast, and the Queen's voice was heard on the wireless for the first time in the history of broadcasting.

Princes Of Wales' Thanks.

The British representatives at Paris, Rome and Berno have been instructed to convey to the Governments to which they are accredited, an expression of the Prince of Wales' warm appreciation of the invaluable assistance afforded by them to His Royal Highness in expediting his journey through France, Italy and Switzerland, and of the admirable organisation of the arrangements made for his convenience, safety and comfort.

The Prince has also expressed the desire that his sincere thanks should be conveyed to the railway staff and officials who were instrumental in carrying out these arrangements.

An expression has also been added of the warmest thanks of the British Government for the assistance so freely and readily given.

Prince George's Return.

It was officially announced to-day that Prince George, the King's youngest son, who is in the Navy, is coming home. He left Bermuda to the Cunard liner, Berengaria, which sails for England on Friday. The Berengaria is due at Southampton on December 20th, which is Prince George's birthday. He will be twenty-six.

The Duke of Gloucester, the third son of King and Queen, who is on his way home from South Africa, is expected to reach London on Christmas Eve.

ALGERIAN REBEL
RAID.MURDER OF FRENCH
GENERAL.SWIFT VENGEANCE FROM
THE AIR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 12th.

A shocking outrage by rebel tribesmen in Algeria is announced by the War Office to-day, one of the highest officers in the Foreign Legion being ambushed in the desert and killed, together with a number of his staff.

The victim was General Clavery, the officer commanding the vast Ain Sefra district, which is adjacent to the Moroccan border.

General Clavery, accompanied by Staff Captain Pasquet, Staff Captain Debon, two N.G.O.s, and a party of troops of the Foreign Legion was returning from a tour of inspection, when they were ambushed in the desert about forty miles south of the Colomb Bechar Railway terminus near the border.

Headlong Charge.

The hidden tribesmen opened with a fusillade, after which sixteen horsemen dashed headlong at the General's car, regardless of risks, and took the whole party by surprise. The General, his Staff and one of the N.G.O.s were killed immediately.

Five of the Legionaries were shot dead in the subsequent fight, while three wounded have been taken to Colomb Bechar.

General Clavery's promotion from Colonelcy was only gazetted to-day.

Swift Retribution.

A squadron of French Air Force machines sent out in chase of the assassins, have tracked down General Clavery's assailants, and machine-gunned them.

POLICE ATTACKED IN
BOMBAY.

TWO RIOTERS KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, Dec. 12th.

The serious disturbance in North Bombay, reported yesterday, was a sequel to a faction fight between two rivals Labour unions in the course of which some of the Labour leaders came off very badly.

It is officially stated that two persons were killed and twenty-five injured, including two constables now lying seriously hurt in hospital, as the result of the riot.

When the police came into collision with the mob they flourished sticks in an effort to disperse the rowdies, but the situation became critical as the result of stone-throwing and they were forced to fire on the mob.

M. KLOTZ RESIGNS HIS
SENATORSHIP.

IMPENDING PROSECUTION.

A PASSIONATE GAMBLER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 12th.

M. Klotz has resigned his Senatorship, thus relieving the authorities of the necessity of raising the question of his Parliamentary immunity in view of his impending prosecution.

This follows the announcement by the President of the Senate to the effect that a request had been received from the Public Prosecutor for authorisation to institute proceedings against M. Klotz, on allegations that he had uttered cheques with insufficient cover and forged the name of a business man as an acceptor of a bill of exchange.

The question of M. Klotz's mental responsibility has still to be decided. He has entered a sanatorium, on the advice of two mental specialists.

M. Klotz, apart from his political activities, was a passionate gambler.

Millions Of Francs.

Le Journal recalls that Klotz was the promoter of a scheme for founding an inter-Allied Pantheon at Amiens to commemorate the Anglo-French war dead. Hundreds of millions of francs were subscribed for this in France and England, but hitherto no statement has been issued as to how the money has been applied.

AIR CONFERENCE IN
AMERICA.GREAT STRIDES IN TWO
YEARS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12th.

President Coolidge to-day opened the International Civil Aeronautics Conference, which is being attended by 500 delegates, including 100 from foreign countries.

Addressing the Conference, President Coolidge said two years ago the entire value of the aeronautic industry in the United States was only \$2,000,000, whereas now it is \$25,000,000.

DEFUNCT MINISTRY.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th.

Mr. Wang Puh Chien, the Minister of Communications, has made a public statement announcing his determination of resigning his post on the ground that the Ministry of Communications has become defunct. He points out that the Railway Department has taken complete control of railway administration from the Ministry, and the wireless administrations have come under the control of the Construction Bureau, while the General Post Office is situated at Shanghai and is out of the control of the Ministry. He also deplores the complexity of national finance and the corruptness of politics.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH
BRITAIN.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th.

At the second stage of negotiations between Dr. C. T. Wang and Sir Miles Lampson the problem of tariff rates was closely discussed. As a result a general agreement on the main points has been reached. The negotiations will be continued to-morrow morning. Sir Miles (Continued at foot of next column.)

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13th.

The Portuguese Minister interviewed Dr. C. T. Wang to-day regarding the negotiations of a new Sino-Portuguese treaty. He suggested to Dr. Wang the advisability of revising several points which were deemed obsolete in the old treaty. Dr. Wang insisted upon the complete renewal of the old treaty. They finally agreed to hold further negotiations on this point.

The Danish Minister held a long conversation with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek this afternoon concerning Sino-Danish relations. A surprising report to hand states that Dr. C. T. Wang, who is busily conducting a series of negotiations with several interested nations for the renewal of Sino-foreign

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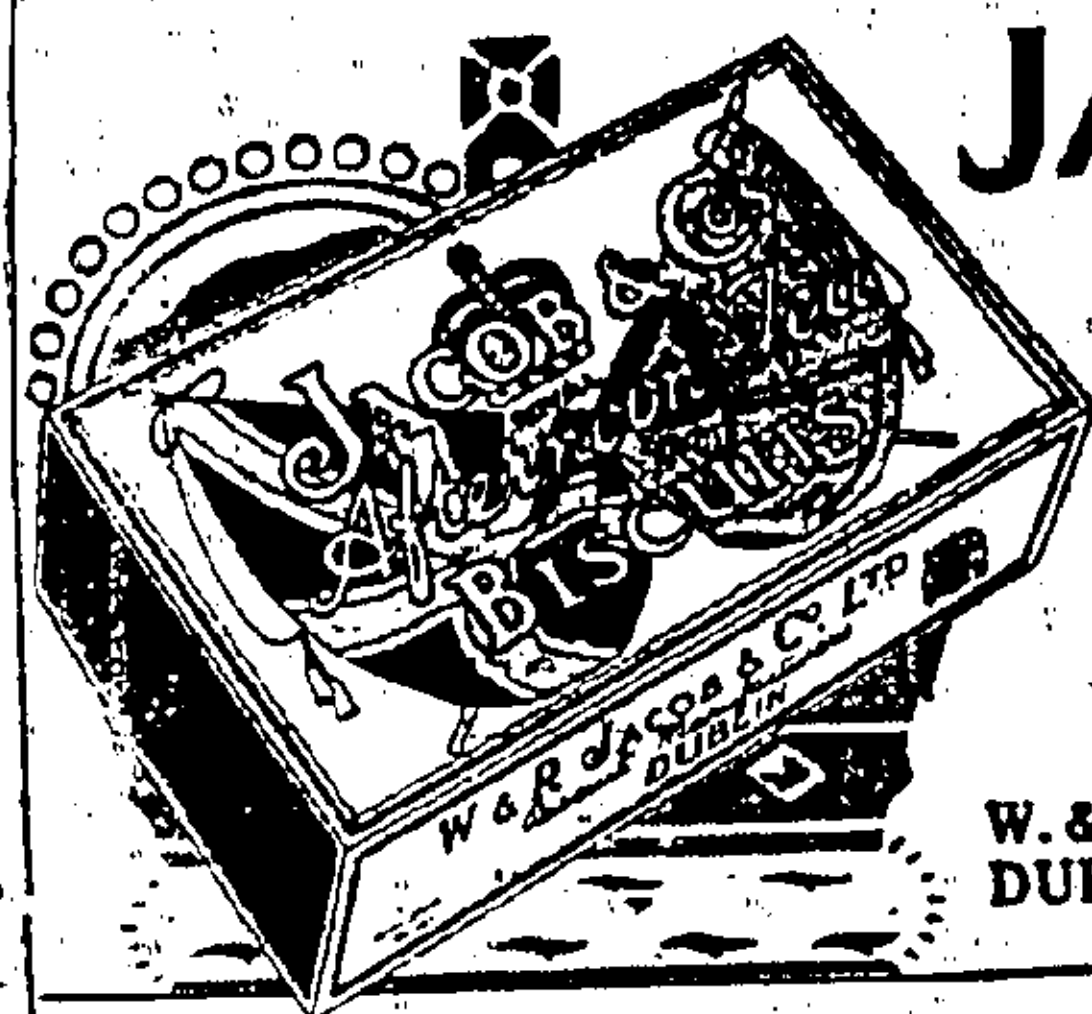
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A Renter cable announces the new Chinese tariff and this subject is fully
explained in editorial articles, and a number of commercial details
help to elucidate the significance of the proposals.

Our Canton correspondent is able to report that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is
busily tackling the administrative problems of the province of
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CRICKET NOTES.

A few drops of rain fell last Tues-
day night, or so I am credibly in-
formed, but I doubt if there was
enough to be recorded at the Obser-
vatory, and I am quite sure there
was not enough to help the wicket,
which is getting pretty bad in most
places. I had a look at the Kow-
loon wicket before the Club match
on Saturday and I was a bit doubt-
ful about it at the Jordan Road
end; but I learn that it played
splendidly, and that there is little
doubt of it being easily the best
wicket in the Colony at present.

Grass.—And Grass-substitutes.
I find on enquiry that it has
proved entirely impossible to grow
grass from seed in the Colony. But
under what conditions it has been
so proved, I am not sure and I am
enquiring. Definitely, if the or-
dinary soil of the Colony is prepar-
ed and sown with grass seed, no-
thing happens. I think that ex-
periments have been made on
manured soil and soil mixed with
the "black mud" so dear to our
amateur gardeners. But I am not
yet sure if we have ever prepared
a patch of "bull" and tried sowing
grass on that. It would of course
require covering during heavy rain.

An ingenious suggestion was made
the other day to the effect that we
should obtain turf from Shanghai
cut to the depth of from 18 inches
to two feet and watered steadily
all the way down. I very much
fear that the cost of such an ex-
periment would be prohibitive even
if it were possible otherwise. That
is of course unless we could per-
suade one of the Empress' skippers
that his deck would look rather nice
turfed!

The League.
In the First Division I under-
stand that the C.R.C. had difficulty
in raising their best side and by
mutual agreement with the I.R.C.
their League fixture was trans-
ferred into a friendly, and the League
game will be played later.

The Navy had out one of its best
sides and accounted for Craigen-
gower but not in very conclusive
style. Craigen-gower absolutely
broke down in their batting, and
only scraped up 58 of which Omar
and Extras got about half. Even
so the Navy started badly and they
have to thank Norris, Sparrow, and
Watch for their victory by 24 runs.
The catch by which Reed dismissed
Weir off Hamson was a particularly
good one. Craigen-gower are a
good fielding side but their batting
wants a lot of stiffening.

The Second Division.
The Indian's second team con-
tinued on their victorious career by
beating Recreo by 39 runs. They
have one or two new men in, and
I think Kitchell and F. M. el
Arecilli have played for the first XI.
Previously, Recreo are apparently
not coming on as well as one hoped
at the beginning of last season,
and I rather think they want some
good coaching.

Craigen-gower rather unexpected-
ly beat Navy II. on the Naval
Ground. Fritz used to be a regular
member of their first eleven and
must be good enough for it now.
He may, however, prefer the more
even tenor of life in the Junior
Division.

R.E. and Signals were at the top
of their form. If the Bowling
Analysis published is correct, the
C.S.C.C. bowling seems to have
been managed in rather a curious
way. Their batting broke down
badly at the end after a fair start.
I hear too that the field might have
been better placed, and far too many
catches were dropped.

Friendlies.

The best cricket of the day was,
of course, at Kowloon. The Hong
Kong C.C. took over a tremendous-
ly strong side and that was after
R. Hancock and A. C. L. Bowker
had dropped out at the last moment.
Dobbie played a magnificent knock
for the Club, while Quick and Hay-
ward also batted soundly. Kowloon
drew the match all right but not
without some difficulty, as I gather
Hall and E. C. Fincher were pretty
lucky several times with Dobbie's
swingers. It is with some conger
I hear that some of the younger
of Kowloon's better bats are neg-
lecting to practice. It's a great
pity, if true, because it is always
more easy to lose form than to
regain it. I am very glad to see
that Bruce has been able to start
bowling again. It will be of
material advantage to his side.

C.R.C. did not do badly to com-
pile 181 against the I.R.C. but they
have to thank W. C. Hung largely
for it. He seems in great form
just now. I was not surprised, how-
ever, to see the Indians rattle up
the runs necessary for victory.

Forthcoming Games.

The First Division of the League
seem to be proceeding in a very
leisurely manner, if my information
about to-morrow's games is correct.
The Navy with a weak side got a
trouncing from Kowloon a short
time ago. It will be interesting to
see whether, playing on their own
ground, and with the assistance of
the extra two big cricketers now in
port, they will manage to reverse
the decision. I doubt it, as Kow-
loon are too strong to lose outright
unless anything very unforeseen
occurs.

The Club have an under and
over thirty match and will no
doubt take the opportunity to try
out the men who are candidates
for the last three or four places
(Continued on next Column).

SCOTTISH CUP
COMPETITION.

DRAW FOR FIRST ROUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12th.
The draw for the First Round of
the Scottish Cup Competition was
made to-day, resulting as follows:

Queen o' South v. Inverness Calde- donians.	
Civil Service S. v. Fraserburg.	
Berwick Rang. v. Ayr United.	
Nithsdale v. St. Mirren.	
Wand. v. Arthurlie.	
Celtic v. Partick T.	
East Fife v. Bathgate.	
St. Andrews v. Gaisston.	
Univ. v. Airdrieonians.	
Albion Rovers v. Murrayfield Am.	
Hearts v. Clydebank.	
Thornhill v. Leith Ath.	
Third Lanark v. Queen's Park.	
Motherwell v. Glasgow Univ.	
Buckie Thia v. Morton.	
Kilmarnock v. Inverness Citadel.	
Dundee U. v. Cowdenbeath.	
Dumbarton v. Falkirk.	
Dunfermline v. Moor Park.	
St. Bernard's v. Newton Stewart.	
Armadale v. Edinburgh City.	
Bo'ness v. East Stirling.	
Rangers v. King's Park.	
Alloa v. St. Johnstone.	
Dundee v. Clackmannan.	
Hamilton v. Brechin City.	
Hibernians v. Inverness Thistle.	
Dunkeld v. Raith Rovers.	
Birmam v. Stenhousemuir.	
Bredalbane v. Solway Star.	
Arbroath v. Montrose.	
Beith v. Raith Rovers.	
Huntly v. Stenhousemuir.	
Aberdeen v. Solway Star.	
Clyde v. Montrose.	

Matches to be played on January 19th.

ENGLISH CUP.

DARLINGTON WIN REPLAY.

By defeating Scarborough at
Darlington at two goals to one,
Darlington today qualified to meet
Bury in the Third Round of the
F.A. Cup Competition.

In the Northern Section of the
Third Division, New Brighton to-
day defeated Carlisle by the only
goal scored.

In the big holiday matches. As a
League side, the Club are very
strong as they have Dobbie, Gaye
and Thorp available to mention
only three of the Army players
available owing to the fact that
their units have no teams in the
League.

The Holiday Matches.

But, of course, in the Triangular
tournament the Club will not be
able to play these men. Neverthe-
less they will probably be the
strongest side of the three. Han-
cock, Pearce, Hayward, Owen,
Hughes, Quick, Bowker and Moor
are a useful lot to be going on with,
and there are any amount of can-
didates for the last places. The
Army have a good nucleus of a side
with Dobbie, Thorp, Wyatt, Gaye,
and Evers, but their bowling will
lack variety so far as I know. As
for the Navy, they are always an
unknown quantity, but I very much
doubt if they can turn out a side
that will be a patch on the great
Navy team of the days of Hussey,
Cantrell, Halsey and Armitage.
Abelson is a punishing bat if he gets
going and a useful wicket-keeper,
while Commander Baker is a good
rounder. But, bar Norris, the rest
are rather unknown quantities, to
me at all events, and I look for-
ward with great pleasure to seeing
some very interesting cricket over
the holidays.

Second Division Friendlies.

There were a couple of interesting
friendlies played, in the Junior
Division. The Electric Company
collapsed in a rather surprising way
before the bowling of Alexander and
Lacey; while King came off well
with the bat for the Police.

The Diocesan Boys School sur-
prised the Hong Kong Club second
eleven by beating them soundly by
7 wickets. R. Lee and Anderson
got them out for 103 and then Ewan,
who played splendidly, and Ander-
son made things safe with a big
first wicket partnership. Summers
came on too late to save the game,
but he got 7 for 15 and I think well
over half the runs came from his
first over. Ewan alone played him
with confidence. It was, however,
an excellent performance on the
part of the School as the Club had
several men who quite often play
for the first—notably Evers. My
heartiest congratulations to Mr.
Youngs, who has coached them
so well.

The 'Varsity Match.

A brief account of the annual
fixture appeared in these columns
a week ago. But I would revert to
the game for two reasons; one, to
thank the Club for their kindness
in lending the ground for the whole
afternoon; and the other, to express
the regret of both sides at the ab-
sence, through indisposition, of Mr.
R. E. Lindell the indefatigable
secretary of the Association.

R. ABBIT.

P.S.—Since the above notes were
written I have just learned that the
Combined League team is playing
the University out at Pokfulam.
This will be a very interesting game
but it will rob the Kowloon-Navy
match of some of its interest as I
understand several Kowloon men
are playing for the League.—E.A.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH
LEAGUES.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

A full programme of football
matches will be carried out to-mor-
row in all divisions of the English
League and the Scottish League
(Division I.). The fixtures are as
under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa v. Manchester C.	
Burnley v. Wednesday.	
Bury v. Birmingham.	
Cardiff v. Bolton.	
Leeds U. v. Arsenal.	
Leicester v. Huddersfield.	
Liverpool v. Blackburn.	
Manchester U. v. Everton.	
Newcastle v. Derby.	
Sheffield U. v. Portsmouth.	
West Ham v. Sunderland.	

Division II.

Hull v. Swansea.	
Middlesbrough v. Bristol C.	
Millwall v. Grimsby.	
Notts O. v. Stoke.	
Oldham v. Notts For.	
Port Vale v. Bradford.	
Preston v. Burnley.	
Reading v. Chelsea.	
Southampton v. West Brom.	
Tottenham v. Blackpool.	
Wolves v. Clapton.	

Division III. (Southern).

Bristol R. v. Northampton.	
Crystal Pal. v. Exeter.	
Fulham v. Luton.	
Gillingham v. Bournemouth.	
Newport v. Brighton.	
Plymouth v. Brentford.	
Queen's P.R. v. Coventry.	
Swindon v. Southend.	
Torquay v. Merthyr.	
Walsall v. Norwich.	
Watford v. Charlton.	

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington v. Darlington.	
Bradford C. v. Nelson.	
Carlisle v. Rochdale.	
Crawley v. Chesterfield.	
Halifax v. Ashington.	
Hartlepool v. Southport.	
Lincoln v. South Shields.	
Rotherham v. New Brighton.	
Stockport v. Doncaster.	
Tranmere v. Barrow.	
Wigan v. Wrexham.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen v. Falkirk.	
Airdrie v. Rangers.	
Ayr v. Raith.	
Celtic v. Hearts.	
Hamilton v. Kilmarnock.	
Hibernians v. Dundee.	
Motherwell v. Third Lanark.	
Partick v. Cowdenbeath.	
Queen's Park v. Clyde.	
St. Johnstone v. St. Mirren.	

SECOND TEST MATCH.

ENGLISH TEAM CHOSEN.

MEAD DISPLACED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, Dec. 13th.

The English team for the Second
Test Match is identical with that
for the First Test with the addition
of Geary, who will probably re-
place Mead. Leyland is definitely
twelfth man.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON F.C. v. POLICE.

The following have been selected
to represent the Kowloon 1st XI.
v. Police on Kowloon Football Club
ground on Saturday, December
15th, kick off at 4 p.m.:—Angus;
Guest, Pike, Hedley, McKelvie,
Easterbrook; Clemo, Spary, Miles,
Hayes, Baldwin. Reserve: King.

HOCKEY.

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG MEN
AND HONG KONG LADIES.

The following will represent the
St. Andrew's Church Young Men's
Club to-morrow, in a hockey match
against the Hong Kong Ladies'
Hockey Club on the Hong Kong
Hockey Club ground at King's Park
at 3.30 p.m.:—

T. S. O. Whitley (Capt.), R.
Baldwin, F. Angus, E. H. P. White,
C. C. Francis, J. King, W. Brown,
R. Wong, C. Lynn, F. Wong, and
S. MacNider.

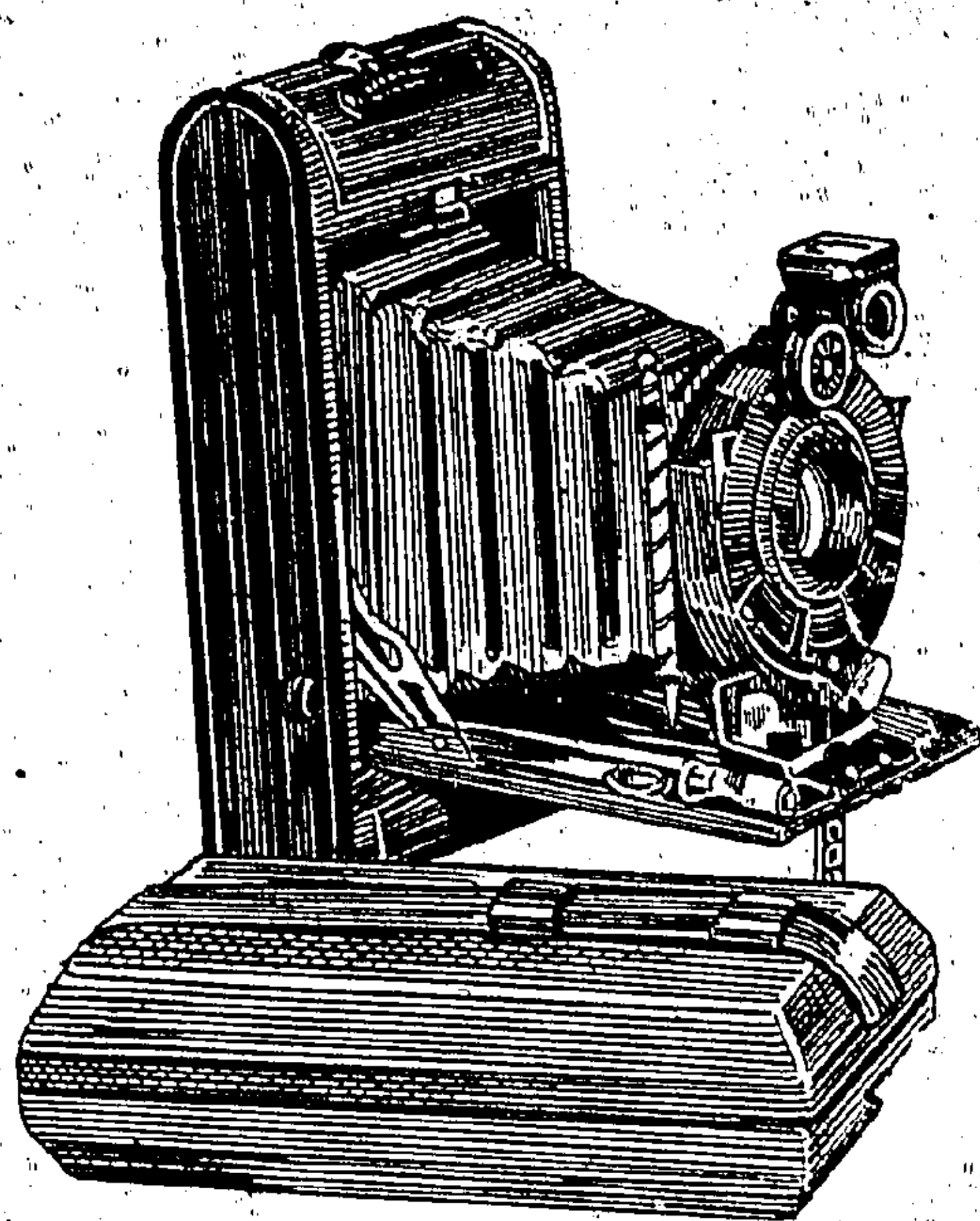
Y.M.C.A. BEAT UNIVERSITY.

In a very fast game on the Club
ground at King's Park the Y.M.C.A.
2nd team defeated the University
2nd team by 3 goals to 2. Peter-
hedge scored 2 goals for the
Y.M.C.A., and Price added the third
during the last half.

BASKET BALL.

Y.M.C.A. v. ST. ANDREW'S
YOUNG MEN.

The following will represent the
St. Andrew's Y.M.C. versus the
Y.M.C.A. in a basketball match at
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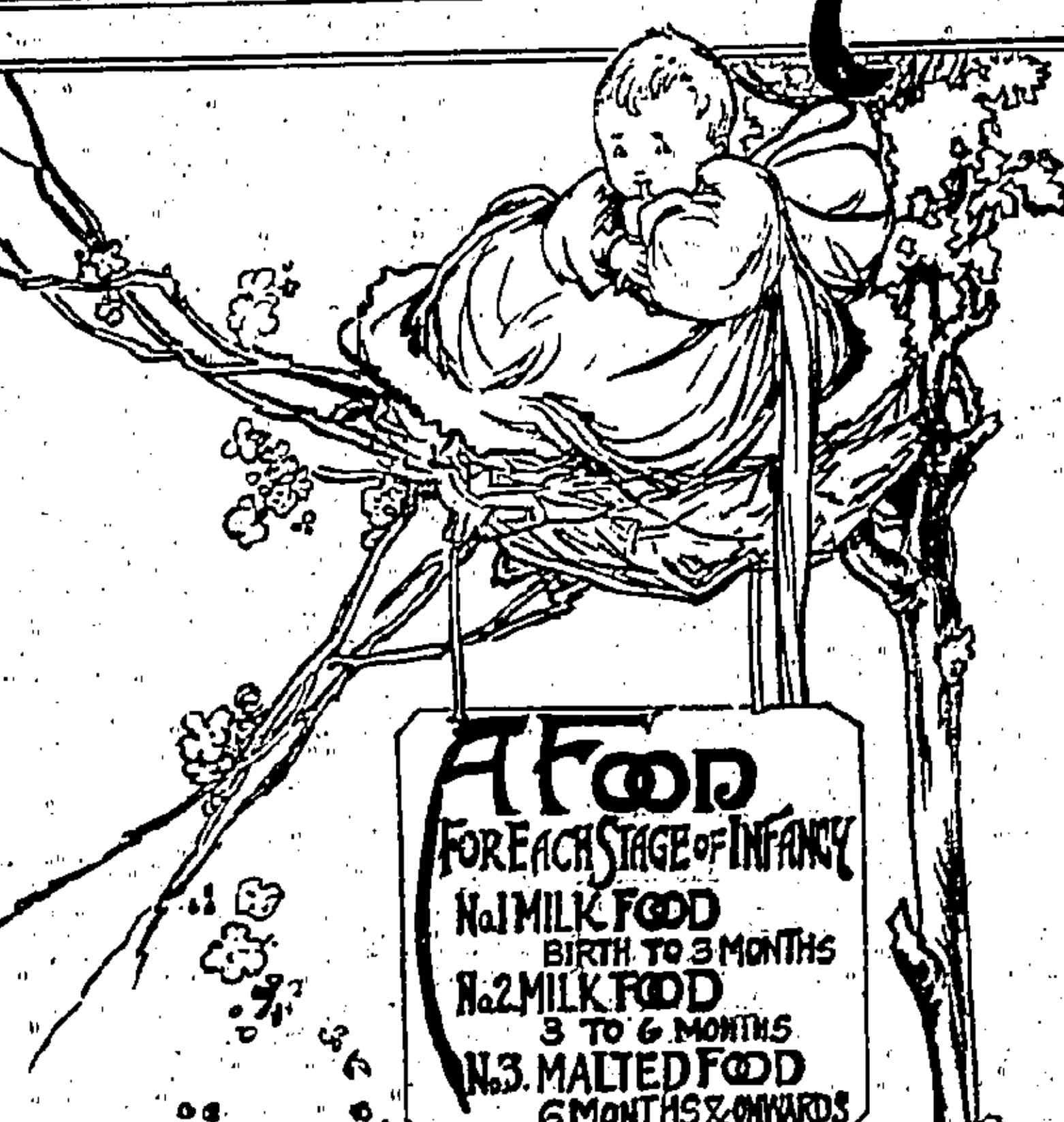
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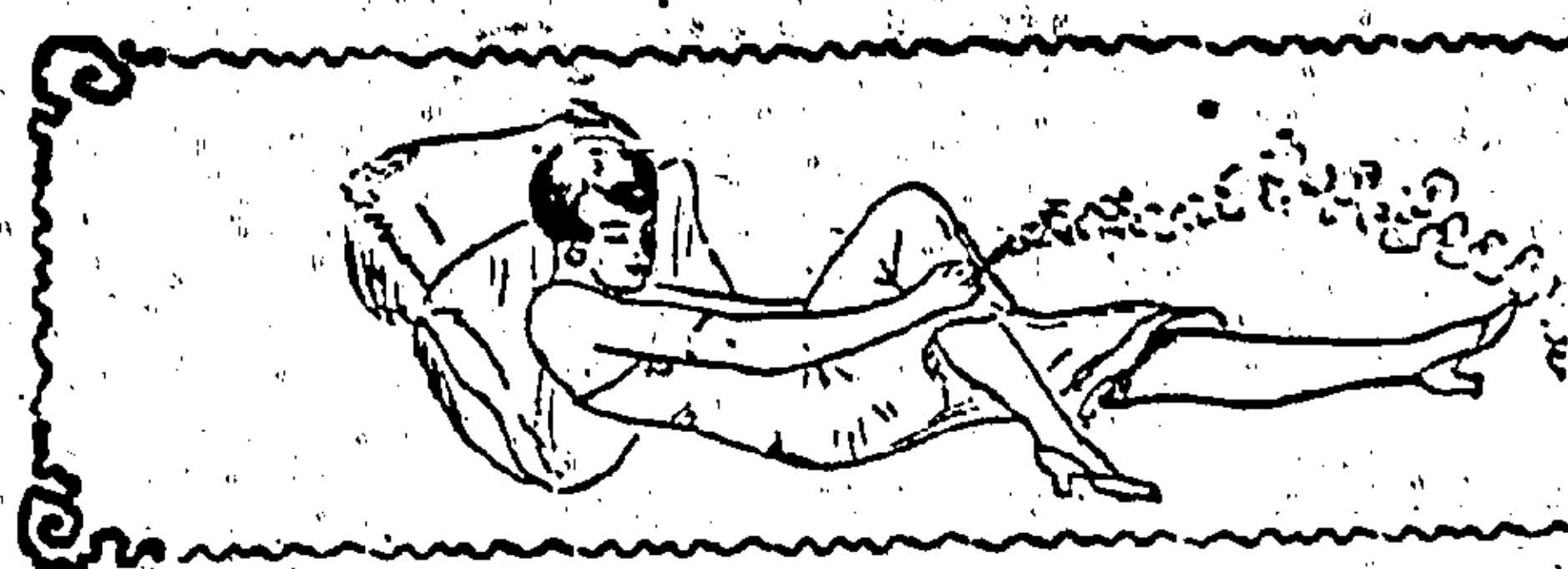
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The WOMAN'S PAGE

THE TOUCH OF THE 'EIGHTIES.

OF LOVELY EVENING GOWNS.

The great dress designers are concentrating on the search for soft lines and draperies which do not encumber the figure or spoil its slim lines. Their search has carried them back to the eighties, and the new frocks with buck draperies, in particular, are an interesting and very charming adaptation of the styles of the 1880-1892 period, when the polonaise, the bustle and hip draperies reigned supreme. But in those days they were made of substantial material and trimmed with stiff fringe, while the bodices were boned, and closely fastened over compressed figures. It is by eliminating everything that is hard and stiff that an ugly fashion has been made becoming.

A typical example is an evening gown which I saw "Au Petit Louvre." This well-known shop which used to be situated under the Kowloon Hotel has now moved to a part of Ullman's shop in Chater Road. The gowns and hats, etc., which you will find there all come from the justly famous Maison Bland of Oxford Street and Paris, and represent the very latest versions of *la Mode*.

The gown in question is of black silk net and *lamé*. The former is used for the long full skirt. Black *lamé* with a red and gold design is used for the straight swathed bodice (like those we were wearing in the early days of the war) supported by narrow *diamanté* shoulder straps, and for the bustle bow which is set low in the small of the back. From under the bustle flows an apron or train, also of *lamé*, black and gold with a hem in which the red note again appears, while the lines of the bow are secured by a black and *diamanté* buckle.

Another gown in which gold *lamé* plays an important part is made of exquisite gold lace, the *lamé* being used for the slip. An original note is struck in the bands of pink and green georgette which form a vandyke yoke and the hem of the underslip, showing, of course, through the lace. A very lovely pink flower made of chiffon and the new painted shell, with a spray of pale green shell leaves, set on one hip, adds the necessary *clou*. The touch of the eighties is seen again in a charming, semi-period dress of pale pink net and silk lace. The skirt is cut very full and falls in points on either side.

Another pink frock which has gone for its inspiration further back in the pages of history is georgette and silver lace. The latter forms the yoke and hem and edges the petal panels of the over skirt. A girde of lavender blue corded ribbon, and an exquisite falling flower bouquet in blue, mauve and green silk, give a very charming colour note.

Some exquisite flowers also attracted me, mostly made of velvet or *crêpe de Chine*, often in a combination of both. These new flowers nearly all have hanging buds or streamers of one sort or another, and are generally touched with silver paint.

MILLINERY OF THE MOMENT.

SOME DOLLY VARDON HATS.

Every week brings some fresh ideas in the world of hats. Shapes do not change much in essentials but the list of materials and trimmings is continually being added to. Some interesting alliances which have lately made their appearance are velvet and felt, felt and straw, gold *lamé* and net. The influence at the back of all this variety is a desire which is very evident in both dress and millinery modes this season, to suit a wide divergence of types while still maintaining a certain similarity of line. It is almost impossible in these days, if you will take a little trouble, not to find a hat which brings out all your good points, effectively disguises any faults or irregularities in your features, and above all seems expressive of your personality.

Among the latest models are a charming little hat in red velvet with a brim strip which crosses in front like a quill mount, of the same coloured felt. A tan felt cap with ear pieces made of *appliqué* circles of felt in toning shades of brown, a gold *lamé* evening hat veiled in fine black lace which falls

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY.

SOME FROCKS FROM "FEMINA."

A very special opportunity is now being offered to get lovely French frocks and hats, etc., at very low prices. "Femina," a business which has been for a long time well-known in the Colony by women who take a pride in being well dressed, is holding a special sale at which all goods are being offered at low prices, many of them below cost. For the convenience of their customers during the sale, "Femina" has removed from the old premises in China Building to Sennet Freres' new establishment in Chater Road.

On enquiry I was astonished, and delighted, to find that lovely French model evening dresses can be had from \$35, summer frocks from \$10 and hats from \$3. The goods are all new stock and the sale offers an opportunity to get very special clothes at prices which every one can afford.

SILVER GREY.



This silver grey, caracul suit with grey fox trimming is an ideal winter garment, smart in cut, and with ample flare.

Among many other charming things I noted a lovely evening coat, coats are the latest fashion for evening wear, made of green and silver *lamé*, and lined with soft moss green ring velvet which also formed the roll collar. This costs under \$100 which makes it an extremely good bargain.

An afternoon frock is carried out in beige silk with a mauve-blue polka dot, and the skirt is arranged in kilted tiers. Another lovely creation is in Persian red and black. The skirt is made of petal panels which are embroidered in beige and black with a touch of gold thread, the same embroidery appearing in the bodice. Under it is worn a slip of black silk.

Among the many evening frocks was a lovely little white chiffon dance dress, embroidered with coloured beads and sequins with an interesting godet arranged to fall from the right hip.

A collection of really delightful sports wear, much of it with the fashionable metallic threads woven into the jumpers, and a number of very smart felt hats also intrigued me, but I have not space to go into any detailed description of them. However, I think enough has been said to show you that this sale is an opportunity which should not be missed, since the goods are of the very latest designs and are offered at quite unusual prices.

In front to make a tiny eye veil. There is a felt too in oyster colour, with a novel trimming of a narrow strip of navy felt which is threaded through the crown in crosses, and forms a smart tassel at one side. All these and many other very attractive hats can be found at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.

"EVE" TEMPTS OTHER EVES.

CHARMING AND INEXPENSIVE FROCKS.

Have you visited "Eve" yet? It is an attractive little shop which has just been opened above the Tobacconists on the corner of Pedder Street and Queen's Road Central, a little shop which is going to prove very popular with other Eves, I am sure.

"Eve" sells frocks and hats and at prices which will delight you. Every three weeks a fresh shipment is coming from London and Paris. One is expected to-morrow, in which there are to be smart little afternoon frocks from \$19 and hats from \$3.

It sounds too good to be true but I saw some delightful evening frocks there which were proportionately as cheap. There was, for example, a dear little French model of pink chiffon embroidered with pearl beads and pink sequins, and another lovely black net dress with pearly and silver beads which combined a certain sophistication with the lightness which is so pretty in the ball-room.

As an example of "Eve's" afternoon frocks there is, or was, a suit in the new Persian red and black. The skirt is black and the red jumper is embroidered in a sort of Persian design in black and gold stitchery. The whole effect is extremely *chic* and "good" looking.

"Eve" will find a welcome in Hong Kong, because you can get there the sort of "little" frock which is so useful, both to those whose pin money is rather restricted, and others who like an "extra" dress. One of the problems here, which a large number of women have to face is whether to buy local stuff and have it made by a local tailor, or get a really well cut garment which comes from Europe, and may not be able to stand the climate. Neither is very satisfactory if you can only afford a few frocks. But if your "Home side" dress only costs you no more than one which is locally made, it is not so heart-breaking a matter if it splits, even when the frock is as charming as those "Eve" sells.

AN EVER USEFUL FRIEND.

THE LURE OF THE JUMPER SUIT.

There is no garment that is, perhaps, so truly your friend as the woollen jumper suit provided that it is well cut. You can wear it with confidence all day and in its smarter manifestations for almost any day time occasion. It will keep you warm when the winds blow or a dampness comes into the air, and it will at no time be oppressively hot. While as far as the aspect of dressing, nothing is more easy to slip on or needs less adjustment. Some of the new jumper suits which I looked at *chez* Felix yesterday, interested me particularly because they are such a delightful compromise between the severely practical and the more dressy form which has been introduced this season. There is, to take a good example, a three-piece in pastel blue wool flecked with gold spots. A line or two of gold tinsel thread woven into jumper and cardigan and the clever pleating of the skirt, makes of it a very smart ensemble, which would not be out of place, however, on a morning shopping expedition, as some of the jumpers which are more lavishly ornamented with metal threads are inclined to do.

A rather similar effect is obtained in an ensemble in navy blue of which the jumper has lines of lovely cherry red and beige silk, a band of the same hemming the sleeveless cardigan. Another very attractive suit is a two-piece in tones of brown and yellow. The skirt, which is finely kilted, is woven in stripes of natural brown and yellow, while the jumper of natural wool has narrow lines of the two other colours round the neck and cuffs.

These are just three of the many delightful suits which I saw, both two and three-piece. They are all in a beautiful quality wool and are quite inexpensive.

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Bovril sustains in critical moments!

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HATS FOR ALL OCCASIONS
Which reflect the latest mode
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THE PIONEER SILK STORE

A LOVELY COLLECTION OF ORIENTAL COATS: FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

BUTTERFLY DANCING COATS.

FLANNEL BISHOP COATS.

SILK BROCADE COOLIE COATS.

NEW INEXPENSIVE HAOBI COATS.

GUNMETAL STOCKINGS.

PLAIN GEORGETTE.

WOMAN'S PAGE.

SOLVING THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROBLEM.

CHARMING GIFTS FOR "THOSE CHARMING PEOPLE."

EVENING BAGS ARE DEMURELY VICTORIAN.
UTILITY IN LOVELY SETTINGS.

When you read about Michael Arlen's "Charming People" you do not always find them as delightful as the title would suggest, but the "Charming people" of my heading, must be taken to mean those really charming ladies for whom you should now be choosing Christmas gifts. They must be really charming or such delicious things would not have been designed for their use.

Look, for instance, at the evening bags and other delights which Pamela is showing. Could anything be more dainty or more becoming to slender fingers to handle?

The bags are quaintly demure, with a Victorian flavour about their tapestry bodies, dull gold mounts, and long chains. The silk tapestry of which they are made is like that with which drawing room chairs used to be covered, others are of silk, hand embroidered in the same delicate colourings. There is one of pink tapestry with a design of pink and blue flowers, which has the new shaped mount with a rectangular opening. This is of dull gold studded with tiny coloured stones.

A Persian design in gold, blue, pink and grey, has been embroidered by patient fingers on black *crêpe de chine*, to make another evening bag with a gold mount and chain. Green *crêpe de chine* embroidered with grey and silver is mounted on pale amber.

The bags are like jewels themselves, but there are to be found the most fascinating of modern "dress jewelry," as it is called, to supplement them or to supply the rich note when a tweed or leather bag is more in keeping in the afternoon. It is seldom that stones of great value are worn in the day time, but the workmanship of the modern jewellery is worthy of the finest materials. Rose quartz, jade, and pearls are all particularly favoured at the moment and their settings once again reflect the Victorian fashion. A short necklace, all necklaces are short, by the way, made of beads of rose quartz is linked by a simple silver chain. Another has a close set "serpent" chain to encircle the throat and pendant ends where rose quartz is set with tiny pearls. Pearls are used again for a strip bangle such as you can see your grandmother wearing in one of her early portraits, and there are rather similar necklaces in jade and pearls.

Even when it comes to matters of practical utility, articles which have quite humble uses are given lovely settings which shall be in keeping with boudoirs of "those charming people." There are match boxes, covered with chenille and gold lace, with a gorgeous tassel to pull to display the contents. Cigarettes live in a round blue leather covered box which has a cedar wood drawer and a hand painted plaque on the lid. Bridge scorers and cards lie *perdu* in a lovely book bound in soft brown leather with gold leaves.

GIFTS FOR WOMEN FRIENDS.

LITTLE THINGS THAT NEED CARE IN SELECTION.

There are women who have a genius for choosing gifts to give pleasure to their friends while others, who spend, perhaps more, succeed neither in satisfying themselves nor the recipients of their presents. Yet the choice is so wide and varied that with a little consideration there should be no failures. Here are a few suggestions I gathered from a walk round Lane Crawford's. Gloves, one to three or four pairs in a fancy box, will be appreciated by any woman provided you get her size right. Powder puffs, practical, decorative or both, packed in more or less elaborate boxes, one of these, for example, is in a round gold powder bowl and is itself pale violet with a large silken flower on top. Decorative match boxes with wool embroidery on canvas, and gold lace, are pleasing gifts now that so many women smoke.

Handkerchiefs in pretty boxes are always welcome. I saw, among others, white Irish linen handkerchiefs edged with lace, in a gorgeous gold and beige box, and another box of three very special ones of a similar order. There are all varieties of coloured, embroidered and lace edged handkerchiefs, and others with drawn thread work. A bangle bracelet with a handkerchief to match caught in a special little ring makes a good present for a young girl.

Then there are flowers, among which the choice is almost endless. No woman can have too many of these most popular accessories and it will be hard indeed if you cannot find one which will be given a very warm welcome. Long scarves and silk triangles and squares are very fashionable still and give to the most sombre dress a note of brightness. They should be chosen for beauty of colour and design, with a memory, of course, of the favoured colours of the friends to whom you intend to send them.

Cost hangers padded and covered with silk or cretonne, are a practical present and one which is sure to be used, while there is a very wide choice in most attractive pocket combs. A motorist who likes mascots would be pleased with one of the new and quaint dolls, while silk stockings will be as sure of a welcome as any gift you could devise or think of.

Surely Eve was never so tempted than is the modern woman who loves pretty things and enters a shop at Christmas time. Just for the pleasure of buying them and possessing them, if it be only for a day or an hour, she will get presents for many more friends than she had on her original list, and unless she is very strong minded indeed she will make herself at least one little present as well.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THESE?

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PIONEER.

Among the suggestions of Christmas presents offered me this week in the PIONEER SILK STORE are pig skin leather hand bags stamped with coloured oriental designs; the really delightful coats described in another column; silk scarves and squares; and particularly where gunmetal silk stockings in four different shades.

I saw also that some more plain georgette had come in, in a very nice colour range.

Delightful Undies.

There are some delightful undies in WHITEWAY, LAIDLAW'S which must, I think, be intended to give a Christmas gift. They are made of lingerie lawn in four colours, pink, apricot, mauve, and a lovely green, and are trimmed with *coru* lace and a little touch of coloured embroidery.

Such flowerlike little garments seem the fitting accompaniment of evening and particularly dancing frocks.

I saw also some pretty garters in coloured ribbon trimmed with little jewelled buckles or posies of flowers.

Pearls.

The pearl exhibition is opening at Komor's on Monday next. If you saw it last year you will need no urging to take the chance of looking again at the most fascinating display. There are many examples of set and unset pearls, both natural and cultivated, and the exhibition gives an excellent opportunity for purchasing a Christmas gift which will be prized above all others.

BRIGHTER HUSBANDS.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Has any one else noticed a tendency of late to toy with the subject of making men look more attractive? Possibly my imagination is running a little wild, but it appears to me from a close study of the newspapers that there is a good deal of encouragement given to the male creature who wishes to cut a better figure. A visit to the National Gallery or a study of old books must make the gallants of the present days sigh for the times that are no more.

The only men who can really indulge their vanity to-day are those who enjoy civic honours, the Pope's guard and to a certain extent Service men. Of course, golfers do look rather wild and wonderful at times, especially when young, but few men can play golf all day long.

A certain latitude is, however, happily allowed in the small items of men's dress, socks, ties, scarves, and handkerchiefs, and it is in these little matters that the women who are agitating for "brighter husbands" can help the cause, especially at Christmas time. It has been said that no man is a hero to his valet, certainly few men dare open their mouths in the presence of their tailors. They will spend possibly half an hour in a shop in solemn contemplation of a tray or ties and then come out with the same blue with white spots which they have worn since they left school. Many a man has worn with miserable trembling a tie with which his wife presented him, simply to please her, and found it a success; and the same applies to socks and handkerchiefs. He may never dare break new grounds for himself, but he will have just a little more faith in her judgment on matters sartorial.

There is one unflinching method of judging whether a man wears dull accessories because he likes them or from fear of committing a social gaffe: He lets himself go over his dressing gown and his pyjamas.

Masculine Vanities.

The amazing thing about men, and it is one for which we weaker women should admire them, is that men's shops are so fascinating. I wandered round Mackintosh's the other day and enjoyed it as much as if I had been in a shop devoted to feminine vanities. There were rows of ties in every colour and material, although from the preponderance of brownish tints it seems that our Lords and Masters follow our colour fashions. The ties, I was told, run in price from \$2 to about \$6, the latter being cut from squares of English silk. It appears that the difference between a tie cut from a square and one cut from a strip approximates to that between a model and a copy.

Most fascinating squares of silk with plaid design borders set me wondering if it would not be a good idea to present my man with one for Christmas. In the unlikely event of his not appreciating it, it would make a very chic kerchief.

Then, of course, there are the legitimate vanities connected, however loosely, with the links. Golf stockings, cardigans and pull-overs. The latter made me rather envious again for they are certainly cheaper than those designed for women, and are in the most delightful materials and colourings. I see that men have discovered the charm of angora.

A Bit Of Colour.

But the glory of the shop lay in the dressing gowns. There are robes of printed velvet, of silk, silk towelling, a most delightful material this, and of flannel. The colours while preserving a tendency towards the "heather mixture" tones which are always considered safely masculine, are rich and varied, while the prices round about \$30 are certainly not high. All these dressing gowns have been chosen, as has naturally all the stock, with an eye to our climatic conditions, and they are warm without being too heavy.

Pyjamas again are most attractive and can be quite luxurious looking. I saw some in pale coloured silk and others in check vevilla which I thought particularly nice. Bedroom slippers too, make useful and welcome presents.

He Can Change It.

There were plenty of other things which would make good presents for men, walking sticks, stud and links sets, etc., and I was interested and relieved when I was told that, in the event of him not liking your present Mackintosh's will always change it for him. So if any of you women readers of this page long to see the men of Hong Kong dressed as well as the women, select a Christmas present from this shop which will help to guide his taste into better channels.

JACOB'S COAT.

FASCINATING VARIATIONS OF THE HAORI COAT.

Jacob's "coat of many colours" could not have been more gay than some of the new garments which are being made on the lines of the popular Haori and coolie coats. The latest which I saw at the Pioneer Silk Store is the "Butterfly dance coat" which is made of silk printed in a pattern inspired by the markings of a butterfly. The name owes its origin to the shape too. The sleeves are wing shaped with scalloped edges and when the arms are held out, as in dancing, they are seen all in one with the back. The bottom is cut up in deep scallops and edged with fringe. I saw two examples, both rather gay, but I hear that others in more sober tones are expected.

There are new and very inexpensive Haori coats too, which are plain black silk lined with printed silk. The material has a good appearance and they only cost \$12.50. I was pleased to see coolie coats and bishop coats made of Chinese brocade printed in colours. The outside is generally black with the exception of the floral border at the bottom, but I saw one very lovely flame orange one, which had a roman stripe border down the fronts and a design of chrysanthemums. Of the new shipment of flannel coolie coats I was particularly struck with a black one with a design of flaming red and orange chrysanthemums. And I saw a number of new and pleasing designs in the ordinary Haori coats.

ROUND THE TOWN.

SEEN IN LOCAL SHOPS.

Give Her A Cushion.

Have you thought of a cushion for her Christmas Gift? What could you choose which she will use more constantly or more gratefully? A cushion against which she will lean when tired, perhaps, or one which will have a decorative effect, and think of you, the donor. A cushion to make a spot of bright colour in her room to which her eye will be attracted each time she enters, which she will thump, caress and arrange, rather as she will you yourself if you are her husband, or are going to be. To be frank I thought of it myself when I went around the furnishing floor of WHITEWAY, LAIDLAW'S and saw the piles and the variety of cushions. They run in price from \$5.50 to \$12.50 and are of every colour and material. There are round cushions and square ones, rilly polly ones, and triangles, and these lovely soft pouffe-cushions which look like a flower. Whatever your taste you will find a cushion to suit it, but a word of warning, do remember three things, the colour of her hair, the colours in which she generally dresses, and the colour scheme of at least one of her rooms.

Santa Claus Slippers.

A little pair of scarlet cloth bedroom slippers with a picture of Santa Claus painted on them, and enclosed in a pretty box with still more pictures, isn't that a lovely thing for any child to find in its Christmas stockings? I saw them in the children's department of LANE, CRAWFORD'S and they only cost from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a pair, according to size.

I noticed too, some very nice English made leather sandals with *crêpe* rubber soles.

Hand Bags, Large And Small.

THE DOLLY VARNON HAT SHOP has two excellent suggestions to offer for the solution of the present problem, and both take the form of bags. One is the "Nokaboot" bag of which I have written before, that admirable article which can be used for either week-ends or shopping and is smartly designed in stamped leather fabric. It fastens with a zipper and is beautifully lined. Make a point of seeing one if you have not already made their acquaintance. The other bag is equally delightful, and made of felt to match your hat. You can get them in almost any shade and combination of shades, and each one as you look at it is more attractive than the last. They are small flat *pouchettes* lined with gold or stamped leather, and large enough for most purposes. Each bag lies in its own charming little gold box, which makes them particularly suitable for Christmas gifts.

Hats And Frocks Coming.

MADAME CLERGET informs me that a second big consignment of hats and frocks from Paris is arriving about the middle of this week.

At Your Service

MAN—very often hard to satisfy, but always a happy recipient of a thoughtful and useful present.

What will you give him this Christmas? We cannot illustrate everything we have so may we suggest you pay us an early visit and choose at your leisure from the delightful selection of stylish and useful presents.

Do your Christmas shopping early

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MEN'S WEAR SPECIALISTS.

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MODELS THAT INSPIRE SUCCESSFUL RENOVATIONS.



Two charming frocks which, while expressing the latest fashion, can yet be easily made from an old dress.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Coats And Jerseys.

School jerseys which are pretty enough to please the mother and sufficiently masculine with their knitted ties to delight her small son, can be found in LANE, CRAWFORD'S Children's Department, in three colours, blue, grey, and tan. They cost from \$3 to \$4 and would be splendid for school wear for either boys or girls.

For brother and sister too, are well cut little reefer coats with brass buttons and the proper "Jack Tar" sailor caps to match. For the big sister or even her mother if she comes within "small women's" sizes, are some very nice overcoats with fur collars and cuffs. I found these in navy and in warm brown.

IN THE FASHION.

Velvet Cretonne.

One of the most lovely materials created this season is velvet cretonne. Velvet chintz is one of fashion's 1929 favourites for evening dresses and bridge coats and at the same time velvet cretonne was introduced for milady's setting, for her hangings and her chair covers. It is like a particularly lovely cretonne, the velvet giving depth and richness to the colours. For hangings, it has a softness of line which cretonne cannot equal and it looks very lovely as upholstery. WHITEWAY, LAIDLAW'S have two different designs, one on a darkish brown and the other on a flame ground. I hear that velvet cretonne is being used very much by the big London decorating firms this season.

K.O.S.B. INTER-COMPANY BOXING
TOURNEY.

SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL BOUTS LAST NIGHT.

HEADQUARTER WINGS WIN
CHAMPIONSHIP.

[BY BANTAM.]

Quite a high standard of boxing was seen last night at the Murray Barracks when the inter-company contests of the King's Own Scottish Borderers were staged. There were many military and naval officers present and a large number of civilians including several ladies.

The fights, on the whole, showed much improvement over last year's bouts. There was plenty of hard and healthy slogging, the outstanding fight of the evening being that between L/Cpl. Palmer and Bdm. McConnell in the Bantamweight class. Both lads were as pugnacious as bulldogs.

The Championship this year was captured by the Headquarters Wings after a hard battle.

Before presenting the cup to the winning company, Lieut. Col. Comyn said that that tournament saw some well-fought and interesting fights, and the standard of boxing had shown much improvement. There was plenty of clean fighting and he congratulated Headquarters on capturing the trophy this year. They deserved it, having been given a good run for their money by the "A" and "C" Companies. This was as it should be because last year the championship went to "C" Company and the year before last it went to "B" Company. It was good to see the cup going round.

In conclusion, the speaker thanked the judges and referees and also the Boxing Committee for their excellent organisation.

The Judges and other officials were Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. A. Murdoch, Lt. A. H. Kelley and Capt. A. C. Dobbie.

THE FIGHTS.

SEMI-FINALS.

FLYWEIGHT.

Thornton v. McWhan.

The opening bout of the evening was between Pte. Thornton, of the Machine Gun Co., and Pte. McWhan of "B" Company in a three round flyweight contest.

The first round was a feeler; both men being on the defensive. McWhan did all the attacking in the second round and Thornton was sent to the board for a count of four. He recovered and sparred out the rest of the round.

In the third Thornton was again in difficulties and the judge called off the fight, giving the decision to McWhan.

Christie v. Johnston.

Pte. Christie of "C" Company met Bdm. Johnston of H. Q. Wings

in this bout. Both lads were rather raw to the game, but some healthy punching was seen in the first frame.

After some sparring Christie floored his man, who was, however, saved by the gear. He again punished his man, and in the middle of the third round, the fight was also called off in favour of Christie.

LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT.

Jamieson v. Hawkett.

This bout between Pte. Jamieson of "C" Coy., and Sgt. Hawkett of H. Q. Wings only lasted about a minute. The fight was given to Sgt. Hawkett.

Finnigan v. Tall.

The first knock out of the evening was administered by Pte. Finnigan of "A" Coy., in the first round of his fight with Pte. Tall of

Machine Gun Co. There was nothing to choose between the two contestants, and it was a lucky blow on the bridge of the nose that gave the victory to Finnigan.

FEATHERWEIGHT.

McGuire v. Merignac.

In the featherweight contest, Pte. McGuire of "B" Coy., fought Pte. Merignac, of "A" Coy. Very few exchanges were seen in the first round. Both men appeared to be novices, and more energy was wasted in dancing than in actual fighting.

McGuire improved in the third round and won a popular verdict.

Shea v. Hume.

This fight was stopped in the second round in favour of Pte. Hume of "C" Coy. It was obvious from the start that he was far superior to his opponent, Pte. Shea, of "C" Coy.

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Freeman v. Frame.

Right from the start the contestants stood toe to toe to each other and hammered away for all they were worth. Toward the end of the first round Freeman, of "B" Coy., chucked up the sponge to Cpl. Frame of "C" Coy.

Woolley v. Finlayson.

Pte. Woolley of "A" lost this bout to L/Cpl. Finlayson of "A" Coy.

Both contestants were game throughout the three rounds. They mixed quite freely; Woolley, however, had the worst of the exchange. Cpl. Finlayson won the fight on points.

WELTERWEIGHT.

Spalding v. Gillies.

For Welterweight honours, Pte. Spalding, of "C" Coy., crossed gloves with Pte. Gillies, of H. Q. Wings.

After a few exchanges, Gillies knocked out Spalding in the middle of the first round.

Scott v. Smith.

Dmr. Scott, of H. Q. Wings, then met Pte. Smith also of H. Q. Wings.

After a rather tame opening, both men opened out in the second. Smith, toward the end, got home several jabs to his opponent's jaw.

At the end of the third round, Scott picked up points and an extra round was ordered.

In the last round both men were obviously tired out, but the Piper managed to get home a few soft ones and left the ring the winner.

BANTAMWEIGHTS.

Palmer v. McConnell.

L/Cpl. Palmer, of "A" Coy., was badly defeated by Bdm. McConnell, of H. Q. Wings. The two bantams treated the fans to some hard slogging in the first round. Honours even.

The second round was even better. McConnell having landed home several blows on his opponent's face, cleared in, and in fighting began, in which both men gave and took with a relish.

In the last round both lads fought like game cocks. McConnell won a popular decision.

Stevens v. McDonald.

Pte. Stevens, of "C" Coy., won over Pte. McDonald, of "B" Coy. This bout was a Mutt and Jeff affair. Stevens was a head and a half taller than McDonald, and the latter had difficulty in registering a facial blow.

Stevens won the fight more by virtue of his reach and height than by punches.

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Sawyer v. Gordon.

Pte. Gordon, of "B" Coy., won this fight by the K.O. route in the middle of the first round. Dmr. Sawyer, of H. Q. Wings, received a hook in the side of his neck.

Boyer v. Ellis.

About the worst bout was seen when these two contestants, Pte. Ellis of "A" Coy. and Pte. Boyer of "C" Coy., met. There was nothing to choose between them, and Boyer won the decision after a slow affair.

FINALS.

FEATHERWEIGHT.

McGuire v. Hume.

Pte. McGuire, of Machine Gun Co., met Pte. Hume, of "C" Coy., in the final for Featherweight honours.

Hume loved the fight in the first round and scored with his left to the face.

In the second round, he floored his man for a count of seven. McGuire however got up and the going gave him a respite.

Getting up for the third round, McGuire received more punishment and the fight was stopped in favour of Hume.

FLYWEIGHT.

McWhan v. Johnston.

McWhan, of "A" Coy., crossed gloves with Pte. Johnston, of H. Q. Wings.

When the fight opened Johnston did all the attacking.

In the exchanges in the second round both men were on the defensive. In the third round Johnston broke through, and won the fight by a comfortable margin.

MIDDLEWEIGHT.

Frame v. Finlayson.

In the middleweight class, Cpl. Frame, of "C" Coy., met L/Cpl. Finlayson, of the "B" Coy.

Both men opened with the one idea of winning by a knock out. It was a slogging affair from the start. Frame was slightly the heavier but Finlayson was more accurate. Frame got home a beautiful blow to the jaw, but Finlayson paid back towards the end of the third round and won a popular decision.

BANTAMWEIGHT.

McConnell v. Stevens.

Bdm. McConnell, of H. Q. Wings, met Pte. Stevens, of "B" Coy., in this class. Although a much shorter man, the Bantam fought very gamely. Both men tried hard, but the defence put up by each of them prevented any mischief. McConnell was the better boxer and won on points.

WELTERWEIGHT.

Gillies v. Smith.

L/Cpl. Gillies crossed gloves with Pte. Smith, both of Headquarters, in this class.

Gillies showed himself to be a far better man from the start, and knocked out his man toward the end of the first round.

LIGHTWEIGHT.

Gordon v. Boyer.

The last fight of the evening in the Lightweight Class was between L/Cpl. Gordon, of "B" Coy., against Pte. Boyer, of "C" Coy.

Boyer was knocked out by Gordon in the middle of the first round. He had no chance against his hard punching opponent.

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THE Steamer "REMSCHIED" having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and PORT, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained.

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Pres. Van Buren, Sun., Jan. 13, 8 a.m. Pres. Adams, Sun., Feb. 24, 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Pierce, Dec. 18th, 6 p.m. Pres. McKinley, Jan. 5th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Jackson, Dec. 22nd, 6 p.m. Pres. Jefferson, Jan. 15th, 6 p.m.
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Godown Company, Limited, whence,

and/or from the wharves, Delivery may

be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 20th Decem-

ber, 1928, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged

Packages are to be left in the Godowns

where they will be examined in the

presence of Consignees by Messrs.

Goddard & Douglas, on 19th December,

1928, at 10 a.m. Claims against the

Steamer including those for Cargo short-

delivered must be presented on the Special

Form provided, and must also be

submitted within 30 days of arrival,

otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by

us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

Agents.

Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1928. [7096]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL

REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 13th.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer... 30.07 30.07 30.00

Temperature... 70 62 69

Humidity... 64 77 63

Wind... N Calm E

Direction... 0 0 4

Force... 0 0 2

Rain... 0.09 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 13th: 71

Lowest open-air Temperature, 13th: 62

B=Blue; S=Sky; C=Cloudy; D=

Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing

Showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=

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obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the

18th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must

be presented to the Underwriters on or

before the 1st January, 1929, or they will

not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where

they will be examined in the 17th instant,

at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and

Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.,

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Hong Kong, 10th Dec., 1928. [7092]

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 14th to 20th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week Date Month

Hong Kong Standard Time.

Day of Week Date Month

Hong Kong Standard Time.

Fri. 14 5 m. 3 m. 1 m. 1 m.

Sat. 15 9 57 3 0 3 37 1 0

Sun. 16 1 26 4 3 5 56 1 2

Mon. 17 10 27 7 9 3 43 4 0

Tue. 18 2 18 4 3 6 40 1 3

Wed. 19 11 4 7 7 34 4 1

Thurs. 20 11 46 7 4 7 27 1 4

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STEAMERS	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 9	Jan. 13	Jan. 15	Jan. 17	Jan. 26
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 19	June 22	June 25	June 27	July 6
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 20

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

CARGO TOTALS REMAIN VERY GOOD.

TEN BRITISH ARRIVALS.

The general cargo returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were very good. Local imports showed an increase of about 5,000 tons, while the through cargo, although not as high as the previous day, remained good. Twenty-two arrivals, and seventeen departures, were shown of which ten arrivals and six departures were British ships.

Fifteen vessels discharged 16,735 tons of merchandise for this port of which 11,331 tons were contributed by seven British ships. The two best returns were from British vessels. The s.s. *Newton Pine* arriving from Cardiff and Calcutta had 3,935 tons of coal, and the s.s. *Haidis* from Hongkong and Hoihow discharged 2,300 tons of coal. Through freights were very good amounting to 21,018 tons. Eight British ships carried 11,463 tons. The s.s. *Romolo* (Italian) was shown as best carrier with 4,317 tons of general cargo from Trieste and Singapore and the s.s. *Newton Pine* (British) took second place with 4,055 tons of coal from Cardiff and Calcutta.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	10	8
American	1	1
Italian	1	0
Norwegian	1	1
Dutch	1	2
Japanese	2	2
Chinese	6	2
French	0	2
German	0	1
Total	22	17

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Haidis (British) arrived from Hongkong and Hoihow with 2,300 tons of coal for Hong Kong.
Yunnan (British) arrived from Canton with 400 tons of general cargo for ports beyond the Colony.
Newton Pine (British) arrived from Cardiff and Calcutta with 3,935 tons of coal and 40 tons of coke for Hong Kong and 4,055 tons for through ports.
Kwai Sang (British) arrived from Tsingtao and Swatow with 587 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,799 tons for through ports.
Kum Sang (British) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 2,019 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,391 tons for through ports.
Telemachus (British) arrived from Saigon with 2,000 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.
Shantung (British) arrived from Tsingtao and Swatow with 320 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 1,340 tons for through ports.
Haidis (British) arrived from Canton with 130 tons of charcoal and general cargo for Hong Kong and 3,350 tons of timber and 633 packages of general cargo for through ports.
Linan (British) arrived from Canton with 900 tons of general cargo for other ports.
Seng Kee (British) arrived from Rangoon and Swatow with 500 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.
(Continued on next column).

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MISUSE OF STEAM WHISTLES.

THIRTEEN UNLUCKY BOAT PEOPLE.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The coxswains of the steam launches *Indo-China* and *Evo* were summoned before the Marine Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning for misuse of their steam whistles. Sub-inspector Andrews said that the defendants were sounding the whistles for apparently no reason. The launches were lying between the Star Ferry, Hong Kong and Blake Pier at the time. Captain A. C. Kennedy, Marine Superintendent of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., was in Court and pleading for leniency said that it was a usual practice for the launches to blow their steam whistles. A fine of \$10 was imposed on each defendant.

An Unlucky Thirteen.

Thirteen more boat-people were before the Magistrate for being in the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter without written permission. Excuses were made in several instances that they were about to leave, while others admitted the offence.

One of the defendants stated that he was the boat boy of European's yacht No. 37. He did not know his master's name but said that he worked in the Public Works Department. All thirteen defendants were fined \$5 each.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Ten vessels brought 1,342 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise	Sunset
To-day	6.53 a.m.	5.41 p.m.
To-morrow	6.55	5.41
Sunday	6.56	5.42

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Madison, Dec. 17th.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taipei, January 4th.

Changie, February 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Madras, Dec. 22nd.

City of Chester, Dec. 27th.

Leverbank, January 6th.

City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.

City of Peking, January 19th.

City of Baroda, February 1st.

Ben Line.

Benarty, Dec. 18th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Alenca, Dec. 18th.

Proteus, Dec. 18th.

Glaucus, December 20th.

Hector, Dec. 24th.

Atreus, Dec. 25th.

Thetys, Dec. 30th.

Attila, January 8th.

Vancouver, January 8th.

Pertuis, January 8th.

Talkhybia, January 8th.

Lycos, January 10th.

Sarpedon, January 10th.

Emazeu, January 11th.

Automedon, January 19th.

Tydeus, January 20th.

Ixion, January 28th.

Dolius, January 31st.

Kecum, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.

Patroclus, February 3rd.

Phemius, February 7th.

Autolykus, February 8th.

Demodocus, February 19th.

Belerophon, February 20th.

Eurystheus, February 24th.

Troilus, February 24th.

Agamemnor, March 7th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Gazana, December 19th.

Talamba, December 22nd.

Santhia, December 31st.

Talawa, January 11th.

Takliwa, January 17th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Dec. 20th.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Monroe, to-morrow.

President Pierce, Dec. 17th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John

Manners & Co., Agents).

Malaya, to-day.

Panama, Dec. 23rd.

Danmark, Dec. 31st.

Java, January 20th.

Australien, February 11th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, December 28th.

Arifura, January 7th.

Tanda, February 4th.

Glen Line.

Glenahane, Dec. 31st.

Glenlogie, January 7th.

Gleniffer, January 9th.

Cardiganhire, January 21st.

Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

Oldenburg, to-day.

Sachsen, December 19th.

Saxland, Dec. 21st.

Emil Kirckoff, Jan. 7th.

Havensand, Jan. 20th.

Leverbank, February 14th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Tijmanock, to-day.

Tijlbeck, December 17th.

Tijlbeck, December 19th.

Tijlbeck, Dec. 24th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Athos II., December 18th.

Porikos, December 18th.

Chenonceaux, January 1st.

D'Artagnan, January 1st.

Sphinx, January 15th.

General Mettinger, Jan. 26th.

Paul Lezat, February 12th.

Andre Lebon, Feb. 20th.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KASHMIR"	5,985	15th Dec, Noon	Marseilles and London.
"NADDERA"	10,080	22nd Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	5th Jan., 1929	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Jan.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBEA"	10,953	3rd Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,908	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MAKPOONIA"	11,130	2nd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,907	9th Mar.	Mars., Ldn., A'werp, B'rm, H'bg
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KEYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"NADDERA"	10,080	13th Apr.	B'bay, Mars., & London.
"KARMALA"	9,123	20th Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MOBEA"	10,953	11th May	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,983	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles & Ldn.

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"TALAMBA"	8,013	24th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Odessa
"TALAMBA"	10,000	5th Jan., 1929	do.
"SANTIA"	7,751	28th Jan.	do.
"TALAWA"	10,000	5th Feb.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,342	13th Feb.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,849	15th Feb.	do.

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